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# Riding centre owner to pay £19K after trekking accidents

THE owner of an Ogmore-by-Sea riding stable has been ordered to pay fines and costs of more than £19,000 at Cardiff Crown Court.

Robert Williams, 57, of Ogmore Road, Ogmore-by-Sea, was said by prosecutor Lee Reynolds to have "demonstrated a blatant disregard for health and safety regulations."

He had admitted three charges of failing to report an accident, and one of failing to comply with health and safety regulations.

The court heard that Williams, who was involved in carrying out charity work, ran Ogmore Farm Riding Centre. Among the riding services were beach treks at Ogmore.

The local authority, said Mr Reynolds, had provided him with health and safety guidelines.

In March 2012, the Vale of Glamorgan Council were advised by Teresa Bosque that she had suffered an injury that had not been reported.

She confirmed that on a trek, no first aid kit was carried or hi-visibility equipment.

She said that she had been about to canter when a horse in front kicked out.

She fell off, and felt a "pop" in her lower back.

## CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

She was airlifted to Morriston Hospital and treated for fractured vertebrae.

Mr Reynolds said staff at the centre had been warned they should adhere to certain practices.

In January 2012, Caroline Youde was airlifted to the University Hospital of Wales, with a broken vertebra. While riding, she became confused about who were members of the staff, and who were not.

Again, no first aid kit was available.

A further accident was not reported, said Mr Reynolds. This involved Gareth John breaking a leg at the stable.

In the past, said Mr Reynold, a customer fell from a horse during a beach trek. This was not reported and the stables were fined £500 with costs of £402.

Dominic Kaye, representing Williams, said:

"This was not a total dereliction of duty, and the case involved unintentional breaches of regulations.

How people fell off a horse, he said, was irrelevant. On occasion, staff wore hi-vis tabards and first aid kit had been available.

"These breaches were technical and not wilful or intentional."

He said Williams was a hard-working, upstanding person, who had run his business for 40 years with over 100,000 people using the facilities.

He carried out charity work for prostate cancer sufferers, for leukaemia research and for a local hospital.

He said he never took a day off and produced 100 good character references.

His turnover, he said, was about £70,000 and there was a modest profit of only £1,500 involved.

Recorder Richard Booth QC said there had been "positive mitigation" on Williams' behalf. He fined him a total of £7,000 and ordered him to pay £12,000 costs and a victim surcharge of £100.

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# MAESTEG CHOIRS PROVIDE A REAL FEAST OF MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

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A CHORAL celebration was one of the main events at the Maesteg Festival, where six of the area's leading choirs entertained.

The choirs were: Cor Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch; Maesteg Children's Choir; Harmony; Take Note; Cor Merched Cwm Llynfi; and Maesteg Gleemen Male Voice Choir.

The choirs sang to a packed hall, each performing their own repertoire, in musical styles ranging from classical to Afro-Caribbean.



The Maesteg Children's Choir.



The Take Note vocal group.



The Maesteg Gleemen.



The 'Harmony' ladies choir.



Cor Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch.

## 'Message in a Bottle'

**THE Lions Club of Bridgend is recommending that older persons and younger people living with a disability or long term health condition get their hands on the Lions' 'Message in a Bottle.'**

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Whilst having a

'Message in a Bottle' is great, patients should remember to update this every time they are prescribed a new medication or are diagnosed with a further health complaint. It's also the best place to keep a passport sized photo, details of any allergies, and a repeat prescription, 'do not resuscitate' form or living will.

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### HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 19)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
12 Thur	06.20	9.3	18.47	9.6
13 Fri	07.11	9.8	19.31	9.9
14 Sat	07.56	10.0	20.20	10.2
15 Sun	08.44	9.9	21.08	10.2
16 Mon	09.31	9.8	21.55	10.0
17 Tues	10.17	9.7	22.43	9.7
18 Wed	11.11	9.3	23.29	9.4
19 Thur	11.56	8.9		

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

## Who wants to build what and where in the county borough?

Mr Jeff Harris – 44 Dol Nant Dderwen, Broadlands – Crown and weight reduction and removal of overhanging limbs to various trees and fell one Sycamore tree.  
BCBC Children's Directorate – Ysgol Cymunedol y Dderwen, Heol yr Ysgol, Tondur – New fence to caretaker's house and part of boundary of Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen.

Mr Lloyd Rowe – Swn y Don, Stormy Down, Bridgend – First floor extension over previous ground floor extension.  
Mr William Corrigan – 37 Severn Road, Porthcawl – Single storey rear extension.  
Mr Michael Rees – Upper Park Farm Tranch, Laleston, Bridgend – Proposed hay and straw storage shed.  
Rev V W L Rees – Spring House, Bryneglwy Avenue, Porthcawl –

Proposed ground floor and first floor extension.

Russell Willey – 6 Cwrt y Coed, Brackla – Convert integral garage and construct extension over.

Harlequin Ltd – O/S Turf and Surf, 22 Talbot Street, Maesteg – Installation of Openreach Broadband cabinet.



# BRIDGEND ROTARY CLUB HEARS OF A TOP BOBBY!

IN the photograph taken at Bridgend Rotary Club president's dinner held at the Heronston Hotel on June 2 are president Alan Brooks, guest speaker Peter Vaughan QPM (Chief Constable South Wales Police), Miss Emily Hunt of Bryntirion Comprehensive School (who gave a short recital 'Vilia' by Franz Lehar and 'My Life Belongs to You' by Ivor Novello before the dinner, accompanied by



**Mr Paul Greenway.**

Emily's mother is also featured. Emily

won the Young Singer competition at our Young Musician competition held jointly with the Rotary Club of Porthcawl earlier this year.

The dinner was attended by friends from Porthcawl Rotary, honorary members, First Minister Carwyn Jones and Win Griffiths OBE. Peter Vaughan gave

an interesting and amusing talk on his rise to prominence in South Wales Police starting with his roots in the Rhondda Valley and his time with the Wiltshire force. He received rousing applause.

Succeeding president Alan Brooks in 2014/2015 is Rotarian Sue Cassidy. We wish Sue a very happy and successful year.

The club now moves on to organising and arranging, with the support of the Porthcawl and Rhondda Rotary Clubs, the feeding stations of the fourth largest cycle race in Europe, which has attracted approximately 5,000 riders. WM

# Pyle car traders are prosecuted after posing as private sellers

**TWO rogue car traders from Pyle are counting the cost of their illegal trading practices after being found guilty of consumer fraud.**

Father and son Carl and Sean Baker of Marlas Road, Pyle, ran a business selling vehicles, but deliberately posed as private individuals to deny customers their statutory rights.

Following community nuisance concerns raised by South Wales Police, an investigation was conducted by Bridgend County Borough Council's Trading Standards service.

The pair's disguised trading was uncovered

and it was shown that they had lied about their status when placing advertisements on Gumtree, the online classified ads website. As a result, purchasers of the vehicles believed that they were entering into a private sale rather than dealing with a trader, and were forced to accept the lesser protection afforded to them in the event of there being a problem with their purchase.

The seriousness of the deception was reflected in a 12-month community order for both men, with Carl Baker sentenced to carry out 180 hours of unpaid work, and Sean Baker 120 hours of unpaid work.

Combined costs of £3,500 were awarded against the pair, together with £120 in victim surcharges. Sentencing the men at Cardiff Crown Court, Judge Eleri Rees commented that while the venture had started

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## St Clare's school fete

ST CLARE'S School in Porthcawl is inviting all members of the community to this year's school summer fete on Saturday, June 14, starting at noon.

As well as the usual mix of stalls, crafts and games, there will also be a special 'street food' area, a family tug-of-war, a wedding booth for couples of all ages, a bouncy castle and a penalty shoot-out competition.

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# YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

## Choir's trip to south west

### CÔR Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch (Maesteg and District male voice choir) were busy in May.

The choir were invited to sing for two charitable causes in Torquay and Teignmouth. At the Central Church in Torquay, a new venue for the choir, there was a very appreciative audience of approximately 300 people. Combined with members of the Torbay Police choir the audience enjoyed an evening of choral music.

The following day saw the choir moving along the coast to Teignmouth to sing at the United Reformed Church. The church was full to capacity and people were standing in the aisle.

The musical team of Rhian Jenkins and Ryan Wood had the choir lifting the roof with openers 'Rachie' and 'Arwella' both rousing songs. The scene was set, and the choir performed with tenacity. 'Bring Him Home,' sung by the choir's soloist Kevin Lloyd had the audience on their feet in both venues.

The choir's renditions of 'Finlandia' and 'Hallelujah Chorus' brought continuous

applause and standing ovations for the two excellent concerts.

The choir's renowned afterglow led by committeeman Peter Jones in Teignmouth had the audience staying for a second concert. The concert in Torquay raised several hundred pounds for the Rowcroft Hospice and church funds, while the concert in Teignmouth raised over £1,000.

The choir prides itself on not charging for any charitable concert, only for the transport. Committeeman Ben Fish did an excellent job in organising the tour; Ben the choir's compere, was responsible for the concert functions, and his knowledge of the chosen music is admirable.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member of a choir, come along to the Maesteg Celtic Club, Garth, on a Thursday evening between 7pm - 9pm or give John Jenkins a call on 07429 637068, or Rob Doyle 07969 203251.

## Tondu and District Art Society

THE society has recently held a competition among its members, with three subjects being chosen: 'Local Scenes', 'Power' and 'Buds and Blooms'.

Approximately 50 members submitted a

large number of paintings, nearly two hundred and these will be exhibited in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig. The general public are invited to study them and pass their own comments.

The exhibition is open on Saturday, June 14 to Tuesday, June 17 from 10am to 6pm, except Sunday, 11am to 4pm.

## Sporting achievements

WE have a 13-year-old youngster from the Garw Valley - Jake Benjamin Davies in our midst who is a champion in the making. A student at Y Dderwen, he is becoming an expert in Karate.

He is very keen and takes his training seriously with two nights in Pontycymer and the same in Pencoe sports centres. Jake has been selected in the Welsh development squad of 13 youngsters who train alongside the 11 members of the national team.

His achievements have been amazing. In April he took part in a tournament in Cambridge in the 13-year-old group with over 200 competitors. He won gold in the weapon form and a silver medal in the traditional form.

Then in Cardiff, with over 980 competitors, he won a silver in weapon and traditional forms and a gold medal in sparring.

He was then chosen to go to Boston, USA where in the group 13-year-old with over 200 competitors, he had a gold in weapon form and a silver medal in traditional form.

Well done to a true competitor who I am sure we will hear more

of in the future.

**St Bride's Church, Llansantffraid**  
THE members of the church are holding a tea party this afternoon (Thursday) which is open to the general public, starting at 2.30pm. All money raised will be donated to Marie Curie cancer care.

**St David's Church, Pontycymer**  
THE members of the church are holding a summer sale to which members of the public are most welcome on Tuesday, June 17 starting at 2.30 pm.

**Parish of Glynogwr**  
THE parishioners at St Tyfodwg's church have donated £75 to the Christian Aid charity, while those at St David's Church, Wyndham carried out a door to door collection which raised £600, and has also been donated to the charity. Well done to everyone involved.

**St Tyfodwg Church, Glynogwr**  
THE church will be holding a patronal festival, with songs of praise on Sunday, June 29 at 6.30 pm. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards.

**Tondu primary school.**  
MRS Susan Pilcher, the headteacher, along with the pupils would like to invite parents, carers and friends to the following class assemblies.

Mrs Lucas's class (Ogwr) on Wednesday, June 18 and Miss Hopkins's class (Rhondda) on Friday, June 20; both at 10.15am. Everyone

will be welcome afterwards to enjoy a hot drink and a chat.

She would also like to remind everyone that there will be a cross country presentation and fun run morning in Brynteg Comprehensive School on Saturday, June 14 starting at 9.30am.

The sports day for children in the Heol Persondy school buildings has been moved to Friday, June 27.

The school's citizenship award ceremony will take place in Aberkenfig Bible Church, Heol Pandy, Aberkenfig, on Monday, July 14.

The staff at the school are to be congratulated for their participation in the 'Race for Life' which took place on Sunday, June 1. To date they have nearly raised £700.

## Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir

AT the recent annual general meeting of the choir, the following officials were re-elected: chairperson Gwyn Roberts, vice chairperson Jeff Roberts, treasurer Trefor Thomas, general secretary John Jones, functions secretary Phil Davies.

The following members were elected onto the committee: Rob Davies, David Edwards, Byron Evans, Peter Morgan, Brian Powell and David Williams.

The members were pleased to be informed that over the past year they had helped to raise thousands of pounds for different charities.

On Saturday, May 24 the choir had been requested to lead the hymn singing at the wedding of a former local young lady, Laura Elizabeth Roberts from Gilfach Goch, to Edward James Kerry at St Giles' Church, Standlake, Oxford.

## NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM: If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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When the service finished there was a buffet in a local tavern, at which the locals were entertained with some rousing songs.

On Saturday, May 31, the choir led the singing at the wedding of Toni Louise Healy and Gethin Davies in the lovely Margam Orangery.

On Thursday, June 4, the choir sang in a function at the Senedd to highlight the Edward Evans brain tumour charity. Edward had formed the charity when his symptoms had been diagnosed, and had raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for the charity before he passed away.

His family has now taken up the mantle of raising money for the charity. Last Saturday, they performed at a wedding in All Hallows Church, Miskin, and in the evening at a social evening including a hog roast at the Lakeside camping site near Blackmill.

## Ogmore Vale Primary School

J MORGAN, the acting headteacher, would like to advise parents and carers of children at the school sports days for the following groups of pupils will take place in the designated areas.

Years 3 to 6 on Tuesday, June 17 at 10am in the school sports field. On Thursday, June 19, reception from 9am to 10am, the nursery at 10.15am in the leisure centre. Years 1 to 2 at 1pm will take place on the grassed area at the

top of the junior yard.

The school's PTA will be holding its summer fete at the school on Thursday, June 26 from 4pm to 6pm, there will be a number of stalls, a bouncy castle, face painting and a barbecue.

If any volunteers would like to help on the day or join the PTA for the meetings please contact the school.

## Maesteg Children's Choir

THE choir will be performing their 28th Annual Concert on Friday, June 27 at Maesteg Town Hall.

It is called 'Licence to Swing' and will feature songs from James Bond and well known jazz and swing songs that will surely get your feet tapping!

Doors open at 6.30pm to start at 7pm. Tickets are £7 adults, and £5 for concessions available from the town hall, choir members or by telephone 07970 299878.

The musical director is Enid-Sian Hughes and the accompanist is Ryan Wood. The evening will be compered by Huw Irranca-Davies MP. Guest soloists are Rhian Hughes and Neil Parker.

Everyone is guaranteed to enjoy this musical extravaganza.

## Brackla community chorus

THIS mixed voice choir performs in a winter and summer concert every year, and always includes a local school in its festivities.

This year's summer concert will take place at Brackla Community Centre with the choristers from Archdeacon John Lewis Primary School, on Friday, July 4 at 7.15pm.

## Tynyrheol primary school

C JONES the acting headteacher would like to thank the pupils and staff for their efforts in fundraising towards the school's cancer charity.

So far it has raised over £151. The children have also raised £72 for the Air Ambulance Appeal.

Mrs Grabham is organising a World Cup sweepstake, each class has envelopes containing the names of the teams competing. They cost £1 each and will remain sealed until the final has been played.

The school would like to congratulate the following pupils in Key Stage 2 who have been selected to compete in the 'Swimming Challenge Gala' team: Cameron Phillips-Gardner, Ellie Street, Lloyd Graham, Jamie McCann, Rhodri O'Brien, Faith Rose, Thomas Sage, Gethin Lewis, Shannon Matthews, Shae Woolcock, Madison Parry, Tygan Crocker, Eloise Whitefield, Rhosyn Wong, Charlotte Wong, Tyler Williams, Ellis Lake, Millie Loomore and Bailey John.

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## Nuisance neighbours get ASBOs

TWO men have been issued with Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) for causing harassment, alarm and distress to their elderly neighbours in the Cefn Cribwr area of Bridgend.

Leigh Biston (26) and George Morgan (18), both from Cefn Cribwr, were responsible for causing distress to elderly residents by playing ball games late at night and also behaving in an inconsiderate manner while skateboarding.

PC Sam Beaumont said: "This is another good result for the Safer Bridgend team working together with our

partners. We tried to work with both Leigh Biston and George Morgan through referrals but their behaviour did not improve.

"We would prefer to help people resolve problems without resorting to the courts but found no alternative in this case".

She added: "We will not hesitate to take firm action against the very small minority of people who cause nuisance to the law-abiding majority. Hopefully this order will make them both think twice before committing any further anti-social behaviour, because there are serious consequences for breaching an injunction."

## BRACKLA in Bloom 2014

The annual competition will take place again this year judged during the summer and followed by a presentation afternoon in September.

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# Storm-wrecked boardwalk safe again for the tourists



Sections of the boardwalk have been replaced by stone and concrete.

**THE boardwalk at Rest Bay in Porthcawl, which was wrecked by storms earlier this year, has been repaired and is again open for the public.**

Much of the soil beneath the boardwalk was also washed away and footings were exposed, leaving the boardwalk unsafe to use. It needed to be closed temporarily, but repairs have now been carried out thanks to funding from the Welsh Government.

BCBC was allocated around £100,000 for the repairs and other coastal path improvements, and

contractors ERH Communications completed the work on schedule.

The sections of the boardwalk that were most badly hit have been replaced with a concrete and stone path to help the route stand up to any future bouts of severe weather.

Coun David Sage, the council's deputy leader, said: "I'm delighted that the repairs have been completed before the height of summer and what we hope will be a busy tourist season, particularly with thousands of visitors coming to the Royal Porthcawl Golf Club between July 24 and 27 for the Senior Open."



ABOVE and BELOW: The boardwalk at Rest Bay in Porthcawl was badly hit by storm damage earlier this year.



ABOVE: Stones litter a section of the boardwalk after the storms.

## Local solicitors help raise £2m in Will Aid scheme

**LOCAL solicitors who donated time and skills free during the national Will Aid campaign helped raise £2 million for worthy causes.**

They encouraged local people to take advantage of the charity will-making scheme to get a professional will drawn up, and invited them to make a donation to the nine Will Aid charities instead of paying them a fee.

Nationwide, the scheme has raised over £2 million with 23,000 people making their will. The charities are: ActionAid, Age UK, British Red

Cross, Christian Aid, NSPCC, Save the Children, Sightsavers, SCIAF (Scotland) and Trocaire (NI).

Local solicitors who took part included:

DP Law Ltd (£1,250); Anthony & Jarvie £855; RLE Law, £1,215 (all Bridgend); Sinclairslaw £135; Watkins & Gunn £1,565 (both Cardiff); Vale Solicitors, Llantwit Major £156; and Castle Law, Cowbridge, £595.

The Will Aid scheme will run again in November. For more information, visit [www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk) or phone 0300 0300 013.

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## CHILDREN KICK-OFF WITH A LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE



**LOCAL children have been getting a kick out of Bridgend Library – as part of a rugby-themed reading challenge.**

Co-ordinated by Bridgend Library and Information Service in partnership with the Ospreys and Halo leisure, the 'rugby challenge' initiative is to encourage a group of youngsters to discover the fun of reading.

The challenge featured a series of workshops, which saw the youngsters boost their knowledge of Wales' favourite sport and read *Scrum!* written by popular children's sports author Tom Palmer, a spokesperson reported.

As part of the workshops, the youngsters also trained with Ospreys' coaches, created their own rugby story, *The Match Ball*, with local author Mike Church, designed caricatures of themselves for their story with illustrator Rianne Rowlands, and composed a rugby rap with Cardiff-based rapper Jason Camilleri.

The youngsters then put their new-found skills and knowledge to the test as they split into teams for a grand finale quiz and rugby skills event, where they answered questions on *The Match Ball*, *Scrum!* and general rugby knowledge.

Points that the teams earned during the quiz were converted into numbers of attempts for a rugby skills challenge, which involved passing a rugby ball through a target.

Members of the winning team were presented with a trophy, while all participants were presented with medals, autographed copies of *Scrum!* and signed merchandise from the Ospreys.

*Council Leader Mel Nott, Coun Huw David, cabinet member for children and young people, former Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgend county borough, councillors Clive and Pauline James, Madeleine Moon MP, and players from the Ospreys cheered on the youngsters in the challenge finale.*



*The youngsters took part in a range of rugby themed workshops, which included creating their own rap with Cardiff-based rapper Jason Camilleri.*

## Brynteg Music Department/ Adran Gerddoriaeth Brynteg



*Laura Harding – right.*



*ABOVE: Rhys Evans – centre.*

**ON Monday, May 5, Porthcawl Rock Club were invited to play a bank holiday showcase at the 'Ancient Briton' on Newton Green in Porthcawl.**

There were revolving lists of bands aged from nine to 18 involved in the show, which Brynteg students again contributed to.

Brynteg made its mark with outstanding performances from Rhys Evans on guitar with his band, and Laura Harding showing how adaptable she is at playing keyboards, vocals, electric and bass guitar with her group 'Daughters of Eve.'

Their sets included hits such as *Valerie* by the Zutons, *Counting Stars* by One Republic and *Pompeii* by Bastille.

Another entertaining afternoon, with a varied carousel of musical styles, was enjoyed by all members of the audience.



*Left to right: Air Marshall Sir Dusty Millar, RAF Association President, Cdt Cpl Evans, Cdt Cpl Leadbetter, Cdt Cpl Dixon.*

## A good year for the Kenfig Hill Air cadets

**THREE cadets from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) RAF Air Cadets accompanied by Flt Sgt (ATC) Gould and Mrs Gould (CWC) attended the Royal Air Force Association National Conference 2014 at Blackpool's Winter Gardens.**

They were invited to pick up the Sir Douglas Bader Trophy which is presented to the RAF Air Cadet Squadron that has the greatest collection per capita for the RAFA Wings Appeal each year.

The trophy was presented by Air Marshall Sir Dusty Millar, RAF Association President.

This is the first year that Kenfig Hill has entered for the Sir Douglas Bader Trophy and Flt Sgt Gould said it is down to the hard work of all cadets on the squadron that they were successful.

The trophy has been won by 1224 (Wharfedale) RAF Air Cadets Sqn for the last seven years, so the competition was great.

Cadets from Kenfig Hill raised over £2,500 and helped the RAFA Club in Porthcawl raise over £4,500 towards the appeal with Cadet Corporal Dixon being the highest collector from Kenfig Hill raising over £400.

After the presentation there was a display by the Queen's Colour

Squadron, the RAF regiments' drill display team.

They also had the opportunity to watch a display from the RAF Falcons, the RAF parachute display team on Blackpool's sea front.

Cadets from Kenfig Hill would like to thank the public for their generous support in donating funds towards our armed forces. Look out for them next year as they intend to go for two consecutive years of winning the award.

Squadron Leader Barry C Thomas, Officer Commanding 2117 (Kenfig Hill) RAF Air Cadets said: "Not only is this the first time that the Squadron has won this prestigious national award but it is the first time this award has been made to a Squadron in No.3 Welsh Wing."

"The year 2013 has been a very busy and productive year and at the Wings' recent presentation evening for 2013 the Squadron also received Best Sporting Squadron, No.3 Welsh Wing Shooting team and Best Compliant Squadron for efficiency and administration."

"Needless to say I am very proud of the staff, cadets and civilian welfare committee for all their hard work in achieving these awards and supporting many activities through 2013."

**Lindsay Thomas**

## 'Captivating evening' at local arts festival

**A TRULY captivating evening of Baroque and Classical music was held at Ewenny Priory Church on Thursday, June 5.**

Internationally renowned ensemble, Opus 8 performed a powerful programme of Bach – both Johann Sebastian and Carl Philipp Emanuel!

To make the programme even more special, two

harpisichords formed part of the ensemble together with strings and flute.

The evening opened with Concerto in C major for two harpischords and strings by JS, followed by Trio Sonata in G Minor by CPE.

Penultimately and adventurously, a concerto originally for two violins was transformed flawlessly into a double harpischord piece – Concerto in C Minor for two harpischords and strings.

There were too many tremendous individual performances to detail but Ulrich von Hecker on violin was

brehtaking in technical complexity and sheer beauty of expression complemented by Carl Grainger and Christian Schaffer (who had travelled from Germany to perform in the Ewenny Arts Festival event) on sensitively toned harpischord.

The evening concluded with rapturous applause and demands from the audience for a return performance.

*Opus 8 is comprised of: Elinor Buglass – flute; Ulrich von Hecker, Owen Grainger, Berri Munns – violin; James Otley – cello; Joshua Goodey – double bass; Carl Grainger, Christian*

*Schaffer – harpischords.*

**Johann Sebastian Bach:** (1685 – 1750) was a German composer and musician of the Baroque period; regarded as one of music's greatest composers.

**CPE Bach:** (1714 – 1788) forward-thinking and unorthodox, was once regarded as the superior musician of the Bach dynasty.

*The next Ewenny Arts Festival event will be the St Athan Band on Thursday, July 10. Further details available via*

*www.ewennyfestival.co.uk and www.facebook.com/EwennyArtsFestival1.*

**Alison Felton**

## 'End misleading broadband claims'

**DURING a debate in the National Assembly on the digital economy last week, Welsh Liberal Democrats called for an end to "misleading broadband claims."**

The Lib-Dem AM for South Wales West, Peter Black, said: "I am very concerned that people in Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend may not be getting a fair deal from their broadband provider. Customers are paying for high speed broadband contracts but in reality they only receive very slow broadband speeds which do not match the level of service that was advertised."





## Cantorion Coety stage second annual concert

**CANTORION Coety, a mixed choir of more than 30 singers, are to hold their second annual concert at Tabernacl Chapel, Derwen Road, Bridgend, at 7pm next Friday, June 13.**

The choir meet at Gilead Chapel, Coity, and have a wide repertoire of traditional Welsh music.

Cantorion Coety will be joined by soloists Megan Eleri Griffith of

Pencod, Rhydian Jenkins from Maesteg and Ysgol Bro Ogwr junior choir.

Megan Eleri Griffith has enjoyed considerable musical successes in recent years, and Rhydian Jenkins won a number of categories at the 2013 Urdd Youth Eisteddfod; he followed his success by being invited to join a study group to tour Patagonia during 2014.

Ysgol Bro Ogwr will appear by kind permission of headteacher

Mrs Ann Fox, and under the direction of Miss Kerry Anne O'Connell. The compere will be Dr John Elfed Jones of Coity, the choir president.

Tickets are £5 at the door, and are also available from Margaret Davies (01656 656276), Alun Roberts Jones (01656 655162), the school or any choir member.

Cantorion Coety will also be performing on June 21 at Coity's 'Choirs in the Castle' festival.

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## Choir rocks Disneyland and the Notre Dame!



**TWO hundred members of the Rock Choir recently headed to Disneyland Paris to add a touch of rock to the theme park!**

The singers surprised their fellow ferry passengers with a performance of the iconic track 'Livin' On A Prayer'. Even the captain and the crew joined in.

Once at Disneyland Paris, the singers, made up of choir members from Bridgend, Pontyclun, Cowbridge, Droithich, Bath, Bristol, Malvern, Stroud, Worcester and Cheltenham, wowed crowds from across the world at the Videopolis Theatre with classic tracks, including

'Something Inside So Strong', 'Ain't No Mountain' and 'You're The Voice'.

Rock Choir leader, Stephanie Bailey, who runs fun, weekly sessions in Bridgend, Cowbridge and Pontyclun, was thrilled with the performances.

"We wanted to give the members an experience they would never forget and their enthusiasm shone through so well in their performances and really helped to get the crowds going. The response from the audience was amazing!"

Rock Choir members from all over south Wales will be performing in two special shows in support of Ty Hafan at the Sherman Theatre, Cardiff on Saturday, June 14 at 2.30pm and



7.30pm. Tickets are available on 029 2064 6900 or [www.shermancymru.co.uk](http://www.shermancymru.co.uk).

To round off their weekend of performances, the choir gave a performance at the world famous Notre Dame, singing to an audience of Parisians and tourists.

Stephanie is running a summer workshop in Bridgend on Saturday, August 16, where she will be teaching this year's smash hit 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.

For more information or to book your spot please go to [www.rockchoir.com](http://www.rockchoir.com).

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# Local college learners runners-up for awards

**TWO former Bridgend College learners were runners-up at Wales' VQ Learner of the Year ceremony on VQ Day at Coleg y Cymoedd's Nantgarw Campus.**

Chef Rhys Sinfield and 22-year-old Ashleigh Zeta Jones, who is studying to become a paediatric nurse, were two of the six finalists from across Wales who were all congratulated by Deputy Minister for Skills and Technology, Ken Skates AM.

VQ Day is a national celebration of people who have achieved success in vocational education in Wales.

While studying at Bridgend College, Rhys achieved City & Guilds diplomas in hospitality, professional cookery and food and beverage service on the Pathways to Apprenticeship programme, before progressing to a BTEC level 3 diploma in hospitality and was quickly noticed by lecturers for his professionalism.

Rhys undertook placements and impressed celebrity chef Michael Roux Junior who provided him with one month's work experience at La Gavroche in London.

Rhys was nominated for the award by his college lecturer Tracey Bond.

Ashleigh left school with disappointing GCSE results but staff at Bridgend College helped rebuild her confidence on the CACHE Level 2 Diploma in Child Care. She responded by achieving the highest mark ever at the college by a Level 2 childcare student, and won the college's internal 'Journey to Outstanding' award three times in as many years.

She was accepted on a nursing degree course at the University of South Wales, where she completes her first year this summer.

She has recently returned to Bridgend College to collect two awards, including College Learner of the Year.



*Rhys Sinfield receives his certificate.*



*ABOVE: Ashleigh Zeta Jones (centre) receives her VQ Learner of the Year finalist certificate from Deputy Minister Ken Skates (right) watched by Owain Wyn Evans.*

## Pupils practice perfect penalties!

**PUPILS at Penybont Primary School have been learning how to take the perfect spot kick.... thanks to LEGO!**

Using special software that connects LEGO models with computers, year-4 pupils have been building motorised penalty takers and a goalkeeper who can move left and right at various speeds to protect his 'goal'.

The pupils have even created their own bit of 'goal-line technology', as a sensor built into their LEGO goal detects whether the ball has crossed the line or not, while LEGO 'fans' can be programmed to cheer when a goal is scored!

The pupils work in pairs to build their models by following the instructions on the computer, before programming them with the software. The pupils say that they love using the computerised models because "normal LEGO doesn't move", and both girls and boys have been captivated by the lessons that are giving them an early introduction into robotics and engineering.

The lessons tie in with the school's current World Cup theme, and teacher Gemma Evans



said: "I can't even begin to describe how much the children enjoy these lessons. Regardless of their abilities, they are all so enthusiastic and the LEGO classes are accessible for all."

"Their team building skills are improving dramatically through this process because they brainstorm and design together. Problem solving also comes into play, because if they make a small error then their model won't work and they must retrace their steps to identify a solution."

"I have been amazed at how quickly they have picked this up. The children decide how sensitive they want any motion sensors to be or how quick they want motors to turn and the most exciting thing is the wonderful ideas that the children come up with to personalise the models and improve the programming."

Coun Huw David, Bridgend Borough Council (BCBC) cabinet member for children and young people said: "Using LEGO in such an innovative way really helps to lift topics such as science and design technology from the pages of a textbook and bring them to life, and is a tremendous way of capturing pupils' imaginations. I know that several schools across the county borough are using this sort of technology and it is always fascinating to hear how such modern learning methods are teaching pupils a number of vital skills. For example, in programming their LEGO models and then refining them to make them as efficient as possible, the pupils at Penybont Primary are also picking up maths skills in counting, measuring, comparing and calculating, as well as literacy skills too."

## SHOP'S RE-VAMP

**PORTHCAWL'S Age Cymru charity shop has undergone a re-vamp and now offers a range of women's, men's and children's clothes, books, toys and DVDs at 37 John Street.**

Age Cymru's Director of Income Resources, Richard Nicholls, said: "We're so excited to unveil our 'new look' Age Cymru shop in Porthcawl, offering our local customers new and exciting products for them to get their hands on!"

"Every penny spent in our shop is donated to help vulnerable older people across the whole of Wales – so come and pick up a treat for yourself while helping others," she urged. Anyone wishing to donate items to the shop can use Age Cymru Porthcawl's bespoke home collection service.

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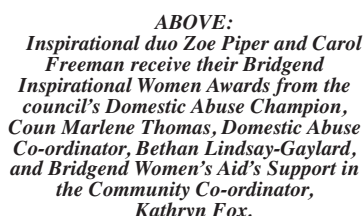


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## Adult learners' week celebrated

Maria said: "Carol has had her own health



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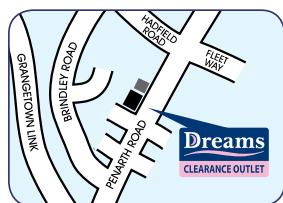


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# BRAVE CLARE FULFILS A DREAM FOR CHARITY

## Bone cancer survivor reaches the heights on Pen y Fan

**IN October 2011, Clare Revere planned to walk up Pen y Fan to celebrate her birthday, despite the fact she had a sore hip.**

But excruciating pain cut her climb short and just weeks later she was diagnosed with chondrosarcoma – a rare but serious form of bone cancer.

After two years of gruelling chemotherapy and surgery, the 49-year-old from Ogmere by Sea decided she was now ready to climb Pen y Fan to raise vital funds and awareness for Bone Cancer Research Trust (BCRT).

She was joined by a 47-strong team of family and friends on Monday, May 26, and said she will never forget reaching the 886m summit after three hours.

"It was an extremely emotional moment. Two years before, just after my surgery my leg was literally dangling from my hip and I struggled to take even one step forward.

"I truly never thought I would be able to stand at the top of a mountain I had actually climbed myself."

Clare, who usually walks with a crutch, said the climb and descent were challenging but helped by

the support and encouragement of her fellow climbers.

"The whole day was brilliant and I had a variety of arms to cling onto when the going was particularly steep.

"One moving moment was when a climber stopped me to ask if I was the lady everyone was talking about at the bottom and gave me a £5 donation. He told me he had a broken neck and back the year before which left him in danger of losing his legs, yet he was training to climb Snowdon in the summer – what an inspiration!" she said.

The walk had originally been planned two days previously – but had to be put on hold once again due to extreme weather conditions.

But they didn't let torrential rain stop play and organised a special consolation walk on Saturday, May 24 so that everyone could take part.

She said: "This turned out to be a fabulous day with about 40 local team members joining us for an extremely wet walk which ended in a local cider festival – great fun!

"One brave walker, Keith Burgess, climbed Pen y Fan on his own in appalling conditions – he got to the top but couldn't see a thing!"

Clare said they originally hoped to raise £2,000 for BCRT but thanks to everyone's generous donations, they are on track for £4,000 to help improve outcomes for those affected by primary bone cancer.

"I'm now here on two legs to tell the tale and after having a new titanium pelvis, hip and thigh bone I have worked hard over two years to improve my mobility and fitness."

"I really want to fundraise for research to improve outcomes not just for me but many others like me who I have met along the way – some who are sadly not here anymore," Clare said.

BCRT is a charity dedicated to improving outcomes for people affected by primary bone cancer through research, awareness, information and support.

There has been no improvement in primary bone cancer survival rates for over 25 years and BCRT is fighting to improve early diagnosis and referrals.

To find out more, visit [www.bcr.org.uk](http://www.bcr.org.uk) or call 0113 258 5934.

If you would like to sponsor Clare, visit: <http://www.justgiving.com/penyfanpersonalchallenge>



ABOVE: Clare Revere climbs Pen y Fan.

## Adventurer Maria puts Britain first on polar map!



Maria is congratulated by Prime Minister David Cameron at Westminster shortly after her return from Antarctica.

**VALE adventurer Maria Leijerstam's world first achievement for Britain has landed her in the Guinness Book of World Records.**

Maria, 35, who writes a column for The GEM, pedalled 650 kilometres across the icy wilderness of Antarctica last Christmas, the first person in the world to cycle to the South Pole from the edge of the continent. She completed it ahead of an

American and Spanish rival last December.

Conceptualised by Maria and her team, a unique polar cycle was then designed and manufactured by Cornish firm Inspired Cycle Engineering and since her success their sales have rocketed.

In the same week, the University of Plymouth where Maria gained a pure mathematics degree in 2000, has awarded her honorary sporting colours for distinction in sporting activities, which she will be collecting in September.

Maria began her career as a rocket scientist and later as a business improvement director for multinational organisations around the world.

In 2010, she founded Multisport Limited and the popular Burn Series of family adventure days as a way of combining her love of sport and adventure with business acumen.

In 2007, she became the first Welsh woman to complete the world-renowned Sahara Marathon, where she battled against extreme high temperatures to run six marathons in seven days.

At the other end of the temperature scale, in 2012 she became the first woman to complete the Siberian Black Ice Race cycling across Lake Baikal, the longest and deepest frozen freshwater lake in the world.

Maria continues to work every day to raise money for her chosen charity the Alzheimer's Society. She shares her story of determination through lectures and talks.

## MP welcomes Centrica move

**THE Vale MP Alun Cairns has welcomed the news that Centrica Energy will retain its interests in Barry Power Station.**

Centrica recently announced restructuring to focus on smaller, more flexible stations. This means that Barry Power Station based on Hayes Road will stay in the ownership of Centrica, he said.

Mr Cairns added: "I am pleased that the outcome of these considerations back the local workforce. I am aware that over recent years questions existed over the plant and was delighted when the local station won the peak demand contract."

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Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, BCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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# Pat West recognised as Dinas 'Volunteer of the Year'

RIGHT: Diana Hodgeson, John Fanshaw, Betti Digby, Pat West (Volunteer of the Year), Chris Franks (standing) and Cynthia Greenslade.



ON one of the best days of the year so far, Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern held its annual volunteers' garden party.

The weather was glorious for the many volunteers of the charity to meet and discuss the many ways in which the charity can assist the community.

Coun John Fanshaw, chair of trustees, welcomed all to the happy event. He said that it was appropriate that the party was held in 'Volunteer Week' and he thanked all who contributed to the work of the charity.

The 'Volunteer of the Year' was Pat West who worked tirelessly for DPVC

in so many roles. She was presented with a certificate by Coun Fanshaw.

The hostess for the day was Joan Andrews who had kindly made available her beautiful garden and guests enjoyed fine refreshments supplied by willing 'assistants'.

The next public event is the strawberry tea to be held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, July 16 at 2pm.

Coun Fanshaw said: "One of our aims is to assist residents to stay in their own homes and be active members of society."

For further details contact the organiser, at Murchfield Hall, Sunnycroft Lane. 02920 513700 or via email: dpvc@btinternet.com.

# From stage manager to a Vale ministry!

A FORMER stage manager, Rev Jon Ormrod, will be licensed as priest-in-charge of the parishes of Sully and Wenvoe with St Lythans on June 10, by Assistant Bishop of Llandaff, David Wilbourne, at St John the Baptist, Sully, at 7.30pm.



Rev Jon Ormrod at St Bleddian's, St Lythans.

Rev Ormrod, who is moving from Llantrisant, where he has been the assistant curate for the last three years, takes over from Canon Edward Dowding, who retired last year.

"Rev Andrew James will be licensed as associate priest of these parishes and in a reciprocal cluster arrangement, Jon will also be licensed as associate priest in Andrew's parish of St Andrews Major with Michaelston-Le-Pit," a spokeswoman explained.

Rev Ormrod (50), originally from Neath, worked as a stage manager for many years, including at the National Theatre and Royal Shakespeare Company.

Before training for ordination, he was head verger at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford, where Shakespeare is buried. He is married to

Sheonagh and has two daughters, aged 21 and 23.

"I've been a churchgoer throughout my life, from my childhood days in Neath and by the time my vicar in Stratford asked if I had ever thought about ordained ministry, my reply was that I'd been thinking about it for 20 years!" he said.

That conversation led to him going for selection and training and, finally, a return to Wales as assistant curate in Llantrisant. I've had a fantastic time in Llantrisant, it was a wonderful place to start my ordained ministry and I particularly enjoyed working with the vicar, Viv Parkinson.

"One of the things that we established was a film club, where we would get together and

watch all different types of films, from *Groundhog Day* to *High Noon* and then discuss faith in connection to the film that we had just watched.

"I'm very excited about getting to know people in my new parishes and helping them to get to know others in neighbouring parishes, especially within the new cluster.

"There are already some joint services being held but we may be able to develop this and possibly hold some joint social events."

Rev Ormrod will be responsible for St Mary's, Wenvoe, St John's, Sully and St Bleddian's, St Lythans. In his spare time he enjoys the theatre, film, music and is a keen rugby fan, especially the Ospreys.

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## U3A pay a visit to House of Commons

DESPITE a two-hour delay in setting out from Barry, when a replacement coach had to be found after a breakdown, 35 members of Barry U3A eventually arrived at the Houses of Parliament to be greeted by Vale MP Alun Cairns and his PA, Katherine Pearce.

A spokesman said: "Due to the very late arrival, it was not possible for the group to have the full guided tour but, thanks to the good offices of Alun and Katherine, a guide was able to give a shortened version.

"A quick snack followed and

afterwards a visit to sit in the strangers' gallery and witness part of a debate.

"Most people would have liked to spend longer watching our MPs at work but time pressed and it was back on the coach to travel home, stopping on the way at Kingston St Michael, where the 'The Jolly Huntsman' served an excellent dinner.

"Thanks go to APEC coaches of Cowbridge who, having been informed of the problem at 4am, stepped in with a coach to save the day and ensure that the group were not disappointed."

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# Sara's Chelsea creation takes a top prize



ABOVE and BELOW: The floral collar that won Sara a place in the final.

ABOVE: Sara Lewis is presented with the Chelsea Flower Show silver medal.

ABOVE: The willow frame (right) and the finished article (left) on show in Chelsea.

AN assistant at a Cowbridge florists has had a stunning success after entering her first national competition.

What's more, Sara Lewis decided to start at the top – the recent Chelsea Flower Show – where she took the silver medal in the 'fantasy floral gown to be worn to a crystal theme ball' category.

Sara, who lives in Ogmore-by-Sea, works part-time in the Bay Tree, High Street, and spends two days a week at Afan Neath Port Talbot College, where she trains to develop her floral arrangement skills.

Entering a top competition such as the Chelsea Flower Show certainly put those skills to the test.

She had to prepare a complex arrangement for a regional final in Bristol to even get the chance to be there!

Sara explained: "The south west and Wales heat was in Bristol, and at that I had to design and prepare a 'collar to be worn at a Woodland

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Trust dinner dance'.

This brief, as the photographs show, was a complex one, and Sara solved the problem by using bark to hold the collar in place. She dried the bark and moulded it into shape, and then worked her magic with the floral arrangement.

It was good enough to win, and she was on her way to Chelsea – where things suddenly got a whole lot tougher!

The elegance and simplicity of her silver medal-winning creation rather masks all the effort behind the facade.

In fact, Sara had to take a course in willow weaving to enable her to put together her design.

The willow weaving enabled her to create the classical narrow-waisted ball gown shape – but there was a great deal of work still to do.

Before she could put a single flower in place, she had to attach hundreds of test tubes to the frame, so that they could be filled with water to keep the flowers fresh!

Sara explained: "I had

to finish it late at night, and early the following morning it had to be at the Chelsea Flower Show.

"The judges came along to make their choice about 10.30am, and then it had to remain on show for the rest of the week".

When the show was over, Sara brought the floral gown back to Cowbridge where it was given pride of place in the Bay Tree window – earning many admiring comments.

Sara's test tubes did their job, because the

display was still looking good almost a fortnight after its creation.

The owner of the Bay Tree, Mr Bryan Bird, said that he was very proud of Sara for doing so well at her first attempt.

The experience has given Sara a taste for competition, so she is considering entering further competitions.

Otherwise, she plans to continue as before, working at the Bay Tree and attending college two days a week to develop her skills.

After all, having taken a silver medal, it will be a huge temptation to have a crack at the gold!

## 'Only 49 GPs offer evening surgeries'

ONLY 49 GP practices in Wales offer appointments in the evening and the Welsh Government has no idea how many open on weekends, according to information obtained by Welsh Conservatives.

Their leader, Andrew RT Davies (South Wales Central) put a written question in Assembly: "Will the Minister confirm the number of GP surgeries across Wales that currently offer weekend appointments?"

The Minister for Health and Social Care Mark Drakeford said: "GP access statistics, which are published annually, do not include the number of GP surgeries that offer weekend appointments."

Mr Davies then asked: "Will the Minister confirm the number of GP surgeries across Wales that currently offer appointments after 6.30pm?"

Mr Drakeford revealed: "Published GP access statistics for 2013 indicate that 49 practices in Wales offer appointments after 6.30pm."

Afterwards Mr Davies commented: "Labour stood on a pledge to make GP access easier – and so far their commitment has spectacularly failed. "That they have no idea how many surgeries are even opening at the weekend beggars belief."



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**Diabetes group's Llandough meeting**  
VALE of Glamorgan Diabetes UK Voluntary Group's next meeting is on Tuesday, June 17 at the Board Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, from 7.30pm - 9pm.

The speaker is Mr James Pearson on the subject: 'From Basic Lab Science to Clinic: an Update on Current Diabetes Research'.

**Games day at Senior Health Shop**  
AGE Connect Cardiff and Vale is starting a Thursday morning games activity at The Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

A wide range of board games will be available to use free including cards, cribbage, chess, draughts, Scrabble, to name but a few.

The first session will be held on Thursday, 18 June, 9.30am to 12 midday.

Why not come along and give it a whirl over a cup of tea/coffee? It is also an ideal way of making new friends!

## What's on and where?

Contact 01446 732385 for further information or just come along and have a fun morning.

### Charity tea and chat

THE Friends of Marie Curie Cancer Care, with Boverton WI, are holding an afternoon tea and chat at Llantion Hall on Thursday, June 19 from 2pm - 4pm.

Entrance is £3.50.

### Sully art show

SULLY Painting Group will hold its annual art exhibition over three days: Friday, June 20 (6pm - 9pm); June 21 (10am - 8pm) and June 22 (10am - 4pm).

There will be over 250 paintings on display, an art themed tabletop sale, raffle and refreshments, including home-made cakes for sale; 20 per cent of the price of all pictures sold, plus income from refreshments, raffle and sale of catalogues (£1 each)

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### Horticultural society hosts 'Saving our Trees' lecture

OWEN THURGATE works for Natural Resources Wales as the Tree Health Operations Manager.

He will give an illustrated talk to the Llantwit Major Horticultural Society on Wednesday, June 25 at 7.30pm in the Llantion Hall, Llantwit Major. The access road is beside the library and rugby club.

He is responsible for tree health surveys and regulation across Wales and will describe the existing pest and disease in the trees and woodlands of Wales, and explain how he and his team are making sure they are prepared as they can be for any new outbreaks, and also how you, the public may help prevent diseases spreading.

All are welcome, and admission is free.

## BARRY GROUP PERFORMS IN TOWN CENTRE



**LAST Saturday (June 7), rain was forecast but that didn't stop a group of performers from Superstars in the Making, taking**

**centre spot at King Square, Barry.**

The group performed an extract from their upcoming performance of *Hairspray* at Memo Arts Centre, this August. There was also a performance from Jessica Rose Thomas, who will be playing Ariel in *The Little Mermaid Jr* this July. The crowds also

enjoyed a performance from the very talented Jodi Bird, who sang 'Let it Go' from *Frozen*. Jodi was recently in the live semi-finals of *Britain's Got Talent* and she will also be appearing in *Hairspray* having trained at *Superstars in the Making* Barry for three years.

## Ty Hafan lottery draw

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D830.

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# 22 Jump Street aims a knowing wink at the curse of the sequel!

**A REMAKE of an 1980s TV series, directed by a duo known for animation, starring a chubby comedy actor and a muscular action hero – the auspices for 21 Jump Street weren't overly promising, but the film itself was a triumph.**

Directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller showed no little style, Jonah Hill turned into an unlikely action comedy star, and Channing Tatum displayed a hitherto unseen funny bone.

Unsurprisingly, a second serving of Jump Street action was ordered, and now reaches cinema screens

in 22 Jump Street.

This time around Jenko (Channing Tatum) and Schmidt (Jonah Hill) are sent undercover at a local college to bust a drugs ring; but when Jenko meets a kindred spirit on the football team, and Schmidt infiltrates the bohemian art major scene, they begin to question their partnership...

When 21 Jump Street was released, there were more than a few dissenting voices wondering how making a film from a slightly ropey TV show would work on the big screen. This querying of its validity even made it into the film itself, with plenty of the jokes aimed at the resurrection of this old 'mission', and just how much people would buy



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into it.

This 'meta film' (using the film's production within the storyline) technique continues aplenty in 22 Jump Street, a film which is, in my memory, perhaps the most knowing sequel committed to film. But as many films have found out (most notably Ocean's 12), there is a thin line between being meta and just being smug; fortunately it's a line that 22 Jump Street stays on the right side of.

Most importantly, it's a film that more than raises a laugh when not winking at itself, although there are some moments that feel a little too stretched out or forced. Certainly it moves in the ballpark that many of these films (the likes of Superbad, Knocked Up, etc) play in, but there is also a nice level of spectacle, the film having the action chops as well as the funny bone.

Directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller have already hit paydirt once this year, having helmed The LEGO

Movie, and this shows no sign of halting their hot streak. Directing with a verve and style, the film looks tremendous, and whether it's staging a shoot-out or car chase, or paying tribute to one of Britain's finest comedians in a 'blink and miss it' easter egg, there is little let-up in pace or quality.

Lord and Miller manage to not only deliver a visually impressive blockbuster, but also to subvert the notion of the blockbuster.

It's a theme that has legs and runs, whether it's questioning how much looking the new mission has, lampooning the fact that plot-wise the film is more or less copying itself and wondering (yet again) whether people will really buy into two thirtysomethings pretending to be college students.

The script is certainly very clever, sometimes trying a little too hard, but the notion and the aim makes for a refreshing change, even if the carbon copy plot does feel too flimsy second time round.

Both Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum have seen their profiles rise since the last outing. Hill picking up another Oscar nomination and Tatum flexing some action star clout, but both are on fine form here.

The film goes as far as to mock them, Hill for becoming a 'serious' actor, while Tatum's ability for improvisation is questioned, knowing gags that manage to hit home, while their performances also deliver the goods, ably supported by the likes of Ice Cube and Nick Offerman, among others.

In a summer stuffed full of sequels, 22 Jump Street manages to offer up something exciting, intriguing and well executed; its knowing winks land, the gag rate is pretty good and the action is stylishly done. As for 23 Jump Street? Well just make sure you stay through the credits...

VERDICT – A film not afraid to mock itself, and lampoon the sensibilities of sequels, 22 Jump Street is a bigger beast this time round, and while the plot doesn't add much, its knowing tone and comedic intelligence, coupled with a big budget blockbuster feel, means that the film is well worth watching. Recommended.  
**SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: 21 Jump Street (2012), Superbad (2008).**

## Many faces of Howard Marks

**KENFIG HILL-born Howard Marks brings his one-man show, Scholar, Smuggler, Prisoner, Scribe, to Barry Arts Festival on July 3.**

Marks attended Oxford University where he earned a degree in nuclear physics and post-graduate qualifications in philosophy.

Described by the Daily Mail as "the most sophisticated drugs baron of all time", he was arrested in 1988 by the American Drug Enforcement Agency and sentenced to 25 years in Indiana.

He was released on parole in 1995, after serving seven years, and in 1996 released his autobiography, Mr. Nice, which became an



Howard Marks

international best seller.

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The manager, Jennie Flanigan, explained that a lot of local people – and those from further afield in Barry and Cardiff – don't realise that the park welcomes the public and they don't have to be members.

She said: "Families can come down for the day, with the parents enjoying a drink or ice-cream and the spectacular views, while the children play in one of the three play parks, or have a game of football or rounders on the field."

"The pool in the leisure complex is very popular and we have access to the beach which is lifeguarded. Children enjoy exploring the

### rockpools.

"There are lovely walks all the way from the park to Rhoose Point and in the other direction, too."

"For something to eat or drink, there's the Lite Bite cafe, the fish and chip bar, and the Indian restaurant opens at 6pm."

The leisure and fitness facilities at the park include a cardiovascular room complete with rowers, bikes and cross trainers, a weights room, a jacuzzi, a sauna, and the pool, which is open seven days a week, has fun equipment like slides for the children.

Rhoose is a popular stop-off for hikers making their way along the Heritage Coast.

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The Highwayman's owner Derek Gaynor explained: "Some pubs may be closing but this is our busiest year so far – in fact we're 40 per cent up! We've just introduced a new summer menu with a few twists on what we've traditionally done.



"My partner Wayne Morgan does a fantastic job with the cooking – people simply love the menus.

"The food is freshly cooked and the dishes are home-made under Wayne's supervision."

Derek and Wayne are also replicating their success at their restaurant the Caeffatri Bar and Grill in Bridgend with The Highwayman's celebrated lunch menu and popular over-60s menu.

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### Activities

One of the perennial



Barratts Fine Meats is the butcher's store in the centre of the village...



ABOVE: The Fontygary Inn has an outdoor area that is popular during the summer months.

complaints of some smaller communities is the lack of activities for young people – not so in Rhoose!

There are popular Brownie packs, the Guides and Scouts, junior lifeguards, an amateur boxing club, a children's play centre, ballet sessions and a youth centre open for those aged 11 and upwards on Monday and Wednesday nights.

Continuing the young people's theme there is also *Passport to Play* which offers quality care for those aged six weeks old to seven years old.

Adults are catered for too in terms of activities with zumba dancing, a slimming group, a Derby and Joan Club, the WI, bingo, a Friday Club, the bowls' club and tennis courts.

### Inn's friendly welcome

**K**ERRY and Kevin Eade are now in their eighth year running the Fontygary Inn, a friendly family-run family pub and restaurant.

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## Extend yourself the gentle way!

**E**XTEND in the Vale, sponsored by Age Connects Cardiff and the Vale, is running an **Extend class** ([www.extend.org.uk](http://www.extend.org.uk)) at Rhoose Community Hall, Stewart Road, Rhoose every Thursday (11am-12pm), with time for refreshments after.

This is a gentle movement to music class that is suitable for older people or less able people of any

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# RHOOSE... a charming village

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I have the honour of serving as a governor at Rhose Primary School which has an excellent reputation in the midst of our friendly, close community.

The area is well served by the Fontygary Leisure Park which includes an indoor swimming pool. Close by there is an excellent Indian Restaurant and the very popular Fontygary Inn Public house which also provides great dining facilities and live entertainment.

Further East, Rhose Social Club is an extremely popular meeting place. Adjacent to the airport Cambrian Flying Club is managed by welcoming

by **LOCAL COUNCILLOR PHIL CLARKE**

staff against a backdrop of aviation in a friendly atmosphere providing a great variety of first class cuisine.

The Highwayman is not far away and serves good food and puts on events and live entertainment.

The village's sporting provision includes an excellent football and cricket facility as well as a skate park. Currently enquiries are being made to upgrade this facility. Rhose Boxing Club provides great training facilities run by Michael Smyth.

The introduction of Ryanair to Cardiff Airport is heartening, but is only operating a weekly service from October. I hope as much effort as possible is

made to encourage this 'low cost carrier' to expand its route network from the airport.

Last Autumn following an assurance from the Vale Council I wrote in The GEM that construction work was due to start in December 2013 on the cycleway through Porthkerry Park connecting Rhose to Barry.

As this work has not progressed, I have asked questions on many occasions of the council and landowner and learned that there have been legal technicalities which have delayed the start of the construction.

However, I have been assured that these matters are being resolved and that the funding is still available in spite of the demise of SWTA (South Wales Transport Alliance). I hope work starts on this sooner rather than later.



**LEFT: Glenys Watson's homemade food at Coffee Time in the centre of Rhose is popular with local people and tourists alike who enjoy eating outside in the warm weather.**

### PET FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

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## Posh Pawz celebrates second anniversary

**ONE** company celebrating its second anniversary is popular salon Posh Pawz run by Kathryn Johnson and Jo Greenough.

Jo explained: "The salon has seen another great year of pampering the pooches from across the Vale."

"We're lucky to have lovely clients who have supported us, and we have built up the business on a reputation for providing high quality grooming at reasonable prices."

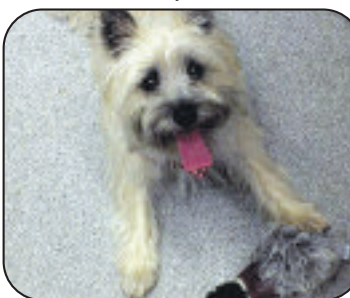
Kathryn added: "The salon also stocks a wide range of toys, treats, and pet products including flea and worming treatments."

"Throughout the summer months the salon is offering 'bath days' twice a week for those clients who may not be ready for a full groom but just want their dog to have a freshen up."

To book an appointment, either call in, or phone Kathryn or Jo on 01446 710044.



**ABOVE: Kath and Jo of Posh Pawz Salon and Spa are celebrating their second anniversary this month.**



**ABOVE: Another delighted client!**

## Cardiff and Vale Hospice thanks local volunteers



**PICTURED: Gareth Williams (left) Chair of the Wales Advisory Board, presents Graham Jones with a 15-year long service award.**

A 'BLOOMING Great Tea Party' at the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, celebrated National Volunteers' Week (June 1-7).

Over 50 fundraising and hospice volunteers joined members of staff in the gardens of the hospice, joined by television presenter and journalist Mariclaire Carey-Jones and star of BBC's Apprentice, Alex Mills.

The volunteers were treated to cakes and sandwiches made by kitchen staff. A sparkling drinks reception which had been generously donated, was served by Neil, Emily and Ryan from the Barons Court

Toby Carvery. Music was provided free by Glenda Clwyd, world-renowned harpist.

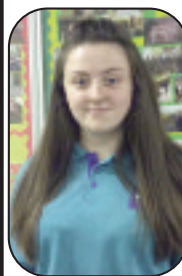
Hospice patron Lorraine Barrett and Chair of the Wales Advisory Board Gareth Williams, joined Mariclaire and Alex in presenting some of the volunteers with long service awards.

Graham Jones, who volunteers on reception, was awarded his 15-year badge and got to cut the beautiful homemade Marie Curie cake.

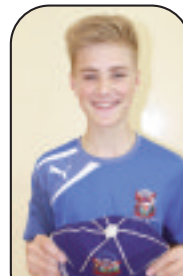
Thank you to Amanda Gronow for her two fabulous cakes that she kindly made for us.

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## News from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg



**Manon Ogwen-Parry.**



**Joseff Williams.**

### Urdd eisteddfod

CONGRATULATIONS to Jodi Bird on taking the first prize in the musical theatre competition and to Manon Ogwen-Parry who came third in the solo section at the Urdd national eisteddfod held in Bala recently.

Well done to them both on their success and to everyone else from Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Gymraeg Nant Talwg who competed.

### Britain's Got Talent

JODI BIRD also reached the live semi-finals of Britain's Got Talent during half term. Jodi was in the final three after the public vote but unfortunately lost out on a place in the final following the judges' vote.

### Football cap

CONGRATULATIONS to Joseff Williams on receiving his Cardiff and Vale Schools FA cap; he has represented them for the past three years.

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# Vale of Glamorgan Classic Car Show is a huge success

ON Monday, May 26, the Rotary Club of Dinas Powis organised the Vale of Glamorgan Classic Car Show at Sully Sports and Social Club Playing Fields.

It followed the first very successful event in 2013 where the beneficiaries were the Motor Neurone Disease Association and other local and national charities.

On a sunny day with beautiful views of the Bristol Channel, there were a record number of cars and motorcycles entered, with well over 250 registrations and many others arriving on the day.

The Rotary Club was delighted to have the new Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Howard Hamilton and the Mayoress Carol Hamilton open the show, along with BBC Radio Wales personality Roy Noble, who gave a welcome speech and introduced the Mayor.

The president of the Rotary Club of Dinas Powis, Rev Tony Stevens, said: "We are most grateful to the Mayor and Mayoress and

to Mr Roy Noble for giving up so much of their time from their busy schedules to support the show. It was a great pleasure to have them with us."

All profits of this year's show will go to the nominated charity Noah's Ark Appeal and to other charities supported by the Rotary Club of Dinas Powis. (Roy Noble is also a vice president and Patron of the Noah's Ark appeal.)

President Tony also passes on grateful thanks of the Rotary Club of Dinas Powis to the Sully Sports and Social Club for all their help and assistance, to the many classic car clubs and individuals who exhibited their cars, the many stallholders who took part and, of course, not forgetting the tremendous attendance of members of the public, all contributing to a wonderful day in the sun!

Next year's Vale of Glamorgan Classic Car Show is on Bank Holiday Monday, May 25.

GEM NOTE: See page 2 letter relating to this event.



President Tony Stevens and winning owner Andrew Reed of Penarth.



ABOVE: First, blue Jaguar E type; second, red TR; third, white Calthorpe.

## AM goes by bus on tour

VALE council officers were joined by the local AM, Jane Hutt, on a bus trip around the county, to monitor the Greenlinks community transport service.

The Assembly Minister for finance travelled through Gileston, St Athan, and Rhosce, while the 12-seat wheelchair accessible bus picked up and dropped off passengers.

She spoke to passengers and later reported: "Since its launch in January, the new flexible Greenlinks community transport scheme has proved a success."

"I have received positive feedback about the bus service from constituents in the rural Vale. This is a professional, accessible and friendly community service and I would encourage more people to pick up the phone to book their seats."

On the day of her trip, the 'on demand' service was taking shoppers back to Gileston and St Athan, then picking up

residents from St Athan and Rhosce who were taking a trip to Rhosce Community Club and to a local care home.

The Minister was told that Greenlinks buses are driven largely by volunteers, who dedicate

one day a week to help out in the community.

The service would welcome new volunteers.

Find out more at [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/greenlinks](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/greenlinks) or call 0800 294 1113.

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## SOS for more First Responders

THE Welsh Ambulance Service is appealing to the public to 'make a difference' - by becoming a volunteer.

More than 3,000 volunteers already work alongside frontline ambulance staff to provide high quality healthcare and services to the people of Wales - and the Trust is on a mission to recruit more.

To celebrate 30 years of Volunteers' Week, the Trust hopes to enlist the support of more community First Responders and ambulance car service drivers.

Community First Responders give up their spare time to attend appropriate 999 calls and give first hand emergency care to people in their own community.

They are trained by the Welsh Ambulance Service to administer basic first aid, oxygen therapy, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator.

Volunteer Jan Gordon had only recently qualified as a first responder in the Garw Valley, Bridgend, when her husband Patrick suffered an unfortunate accident with a chainsaw and injured his hand.

Using her new skills and dressings from her kit, Jan managed to stem the bleeding and drive her husband to hospital for stitches.



Could you help make a life saving difference?

"It was quite traumatic, but I did what I had to do," she said.

The Ambulance Car Service is part of the Trust's Patient Care Service, and includes a team of dedicated drivers who use their own cars and give their time freely to transport patients to hospitals and clinics across Wales.

First responders in Barry are preparing to celebrate 10 years since their inception.

"We're looking for people whose lives we have helped to save during those ten years to come forward to be part of our celebrations," said co-ordinator Bryan Foley, whose team has attended more than 5,000 calls to date.

Call Bryan on 07896137093 or email [vale-responders-wales@ntlworld.com](mailto:vale-responders-wales@ntlworld.com) to share your experience.

## Eryl Surgery and Branch Surgeries in St Athan and Rhosce

Please note: the practice will be available for emergencies only on Monday June 30 and Tuesday July 1, 2014 as a new computer system is being installed during this period.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to access your medical records during this period and therefore we will not be able to view results, book appointments or generate prescriptions.

Please submit your Repeat Prescriptions by June 25, to ensure you have sufficient medication to avoid June 30/July 1.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.



Our GEM Facebook winner for June 5, 2014 is:

**Barbara Entwistle**

who correctly answered last week's question in The GEM. The answer was:

**Stephanie Owen**

Our lucky winning reader, chosen at random wins a £25 prize voucher to spend with any advertiser in last week's GEM.

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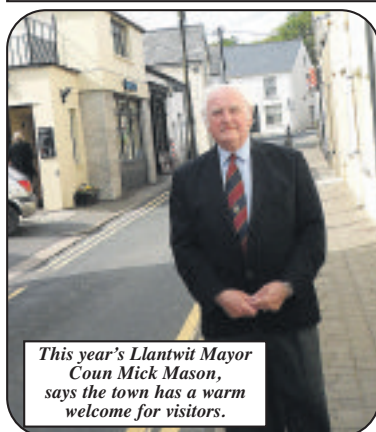
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# Llantwit Major

Visit The Vale's 'Hidden Gem' this Summer

## Town Mayor says summer fayre is a chance to see Llantwit at its best



This year's Llantwit Mayor Coun Mick Mason, says the town has a warm welcome for visitors.

**O**NCE again, it is the time of year when Llantwit Major sets out its stall and invites visitors to come along and enjoy all that the town has to offer.

Especially keen to extoll the virtues of the town is its new Mayor, Coun Mick Mason – who is celebrating his 40th year living in the town.

For Coun Mason, the Llantwit Major Summer Fayre, a big community event that will take place on Saturday, June 21, is a symbol of a new spirit of teamwork and co-operation in the town – with everyone coming together to show the town in its best light.

He said: "When I first came to live in Llantwit 40 years ago, I had no idea how much I would come to love being here.

"Even now, when I am walking around, I still see things I have never noticed before – and that is part of the charm of living here.

"We are just a short distance from a spectacular coastline, and I think the beach is a really great place for a family to spend day."

The feeling that Llantwit Major is just a few steps away from the countryside is something that Coun Mason thinks is really special.

by PHILIP IRWIN

The old town is, after all, so picturesque and peaceful that you could easily imagine that you are in a small village.

The town square, with three pubs around it, is a favourite place for the mayor, because of the quiet, relaxed daytime atmosphere.

He said: "From Llantwit, I can take just a short walk and find myself watching chickens and other farm animals in a yard, and if I just walk a little further, I am right out in the country."

He is excited about other developments in the town. He explained: "We now have a town events group, and that is bringing real community spirit back to the town."

Certainly, for many years, the town organised a Victorian Fair every two years.

Now things are changing, because the events committee decided that the year between Victorian Fairs should be devoted to a revival of the traditional summer fayre.

Two years ago, despite being put on in a rush, it was a great success. This year (June 21) the Llantwit and Cowbridge Lions have come forward, supported by the events committee, and the day is going to be bigger and better!

The welcome spin-off is that last year's Victorian Fair benefited from the new blood

getting involved in events, and it was better than ever.

On Saturday, June 21, a highlight of the summer fayre will be a carnival procession, starting at 11am through the town prior to all the fun at the town rugby club.

Once the procession has finished, the activities will start at the rugby club. The fayre will include a stage, stalls run by local organisations and a 'Have a Go' area.

The 'Have a Go' area will be for people who want to have a go at a new sport such as rugby, football, soft tennis, archery, or air rifle shooting.

There will be plenty of entertainment on the day, including the Tricky Tykes Terrier Racing Team, the Aberthyn Tractor Boys, a golf competition, a tug o'war trial of strength and cake-making contests.

There is a full programme of music on the stage during the day (see article on facing page).

Coun Mason says that there are other examples of the town being on the move – in an upward direction.

There is a good mix of shops, restaurants and cafes in the town, and especially pleasing is that a number of new shops have moved in over the last few years – it's always encouraging when business people back their judgement by investing in the town.

Another boost for the town is that the Galilee Chapel project, which has transformed a ruined offshoot of St



ABOVE: The view from upstairs in the Galilee Chapel, looking out over St Illud's Church grounds.

Illud's Church into an educational centre which showcases the church's historic Celtic crosses, is now complete.

The church has always been a wonderfully distinctive feature in the town. It's full of character with its own micro-climate.

Where else will you find a church with palm trees growing in the cemetery?

The Galilee Chapel is very much the icing on the cake!

So, Coun Mason, on behalf of all Llantwit residents and traders, is offering a warm welcome to the town.

He arrived in 1974, posted to St Athan by the RAF – as so many residents have been – and has stayed because of its many attractions.

For people in the Vale and beyond, this summer is a very good time to find out more about Llantwit Major and what it has to offer.

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# There's music for everyone at the summer fayre

**THIS year's Lions Summer Fayre at the Llantwit Major Rugby Club field on Saturday, June 21, promises music for the whole family.**

There will be live music on the stage from 10.40am until 5pm.

All acts are confirmed and include Ysgol Dewi Sant and Eagleswell Primary School choirs, who are on at 10.40am and 11.15am respectively. Dewi Sant will be singing a selection of Welsh songs while Eagleswell will be singing songs from Disney films.

At 11.40am Rock Choir Cowbridge, having just returned from singing in Paris, are delighted to perform at this local event.

The electric guitars are out at 12.55pm with Stiph Richard, a local rock band fresh from finishing their GCSE exams. They will be singing covers of Green Day, Nena, plus some of their own compositions.

At 1.35pm, youth theatre group Stage Door 1 will be performing songs from the musicals. Stage Door 1 has been entertaining the community for the last seven years and is currently working towards their October

production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

The Wednesday Warblers are on at 2.15pm – they are a local choir that was borne out of the need to replace physical exercise with a hobby that would relieve stress and be fun.

The aim is to sing upbeat, current songs that help improve your mood. The group meet every week and some have said it helps combat the feeling of social isolation and loneliness that is part of today's modern age.

They believe the choir create "harmony through harmony".

At 2.55pm, Autumn Sounds Entertainment will be singing a medley of war time songs from the 40s and are all mature singers, with some in their seventies or older.

And last but not least, at 4.15pm The Crickettes are an all female semi-professional instrumental band influenced by The Shadows. They have toured Britain, Germany and France.

All performers are part of the local community and can be contacted if you'd like to join them or have them perform at future events.

AJ

The GEM is in partnership with the Dog's Trust to find caring homes for animals in their charge at Bridgend Rehoming Centre (telephone: 01656 725219)

## Ringo enjoys a chance to Beatle around!

**R**INGO is a German Shepherd/Akita cross who is nine years old, but no-one has told him that – he is still a very lively boy!

He has spent a lot of time alone before coming to us, so keeps to himself when he meets new people, but is very loving once he knows you.

He is lots of fun to be around, and gets on well with other dogs – he would ideally enjoy living with another dog. He is a bit of an escape artist, so a secure garden is a must.

He still enjoys plenty of exercise, and will need someone to work on his recall with positive reward-based training.

And as with all dogs rehomed from us, Dogs Trust will be on hand with free training and behavioural advice.

If you can offer Ringo a home, please call us on 01656 725219 or pop in to Dogs Trust, Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend, CF31 4NG. We are open 12pm-4pm every day except Monday, with late night opening until 7.30pm every Wednesday for the summer months.

We are also currently taking donations for our fun day and dog show on Sunday, June 22 at Margam Park. If you have any unwanted gift sets, or some indeterminate tins/biscuits/bottles you can spare, please pop them in to the centre for use in our tombola, and help us raise 'Pounds for Hounds'!

Linda Feagan,  
Supporter Relations Officer, Bridgend



## Food safety experts are on the road

**THE Vale Council's environmental health department will take a roadshow across the area during Food Safety Week between June 16 and 22.**

The roadshow will look at hand washing techniques, promotion of the Food Hygiene Rating (Wales) Act, general food safety advice, and queries from members of the public.

As part of the roadshow, they will visit local primary schools, where they will be demonstrating correct hand washing techniques, and carrying

out other food hygiene related activities.

The roadshow can be found at different locations from Monday to Thursday, starting at Tesco, Penarth, then King Square, Barry, Waitrose car park, Cowbridge, and then at Filco car park, Llantwit Major, between 9am and 12.30pm. On Friday, the roadshow can be found at Morrison's car park, Barry, between 1pm and 4pm.

For more information about the roadshow contact the environmental health department on 01446 709105, or visit [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/foodsafetyweek](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/foodsafetyweek).

## Runners aim to end 'human trafficking'

**'IN The Long Run' aims to end human trafficking thanks to the commitment and sweat of long distance runners and the generosity of those who give their time and money to support them.**

To raise awareness of human trafficking and financial support for the work of 'Oasis', four Welsh runners will join an international team to run 1,000km in relay from the capital of Bulgaria, Sofia, through Macedonia and Albania.

They then catch a ferry to Italy and continue the run from Bari to Naples and then to Rome, finishing at the Coliseum.

The run starts on July 12, and they aim to be in Rome by July 20.

The four Welsh volunteer runners are Emma and Melisa Gooding (from Cowbridge), Tom Cronin and Aled Power (from Cardiff).

To help Wales make a difference to this international campaign, visit the website <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserProfilePage.action?userUrl=MelisaGooding> or go to In the Long Run website: [www.itlr.org/give](http://www.itlr.org/give).

## STRIKE ACTION

**South Wales Fire Service is urging people to be 'extra vigilant' with safety following the Fire Brigades Union's announcement that firefighters in Wales will take further strike action.**

The action is scheduled for today, Thursday, June 12, from 9am until 9am the next day; and on Saturday, June 21, from 10am to 5pm.

## Charity event for two good causes

**A LADIES night in aid of two good causes is to place place in Llantwit Major on July 19.**

The organiser, Paula Ainsworth-Bibey, said that the two charities to benefit would be SANDS, the stillbirth and neonatal death charity, and Birmingham Children's Hospital.

She told The GEM that the two charities were close to her heart.

Entertainment at the ladies night, which is at Llantwit Major Rugby Club, includes a drag queen and strippers, with a buffet and raffle.

**Skate group**  
GLAMORGAN Artistic Roller Skating Club is now taking on new members.

The club skate at Colcot Sports Centre on Tuesday nights, 6pm to 8pm and teach basic skills and artistic roller skating moves.

All the coaches have been CRB checked and are on hand to help and advise, whether you just want to boost your fitness or reach competition standard.

If interested, contact club secretary Anne Marie Escott on 07517854453.

## Invite to Abbeyfield's summer fete

**ABBEYFIELD'S summer fete is on Saturday, June 14, from 2pm.**

The fete, which is part of Abbeyfield Open Doors Week will be at Abbeyfield House, Ty Dan Evans, 43, St Nicholas Road, Barry.

There will be stalls, refreshments and a raffle. Donations to Abbeyfield, a registered charity, would be welcome.

Anna Marshall, the house manager, explained: "The Abbeyfield 'Open Doors' week is an opportunity for us to spread the word and help people understand what we do."

"These events are run across the UK to get as many people as we can involved in making life better for older people."

"Abbeyfield still have two Rowan Court residents, Mrs Elizabeth Curtis and Mrs Ann Watkins with us while repairs to their homes are ongoing after the storm damage in February."

"Both are taking a keen interest in the fete and also spreading the word about Abbeyfield

to friends and family. "Mrs Watkins is also part of Barry Hookers Craft Group who are having a coffee morning on Thursday, June 12 at 10.30am at the above address in association with Abbeyfield to promote both organisations. The group meet every Wednesday at Coffee Cove on Barry Island between 10am and 12pm, new members welcome."

## Eisteddfod in Treorchy

**IN 2012, the Treorchy eisteddfod was revived in Rhondda Cynon Taf and the following year, it attracted over 200 entries and had to be held over two days.**

Competitors for both the vocal and instrumental categories have travelled from as far away as Barry, Penarth, Gloucester and Merthyr Tydfil.

This year's competition is to be held

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**Over the weekend, I competed in a road bike event in Neath and Port Talbot that took me through some beautiful country lanes and along the coast at Porthcawl.**

It was a warm day with a steady headwind which made for a real challenge up some of the steep climbs.

At the top of one of the climbs I saw a sign saying "It never gets easier, you only get better" which I then spent the rest of the bike ride pondering.

Whether it's a sporting challenge, a business challenge or a relationship challenge, this rings so true in every aspect of life.

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new job for example. Set yourself the challenge and let us know how you got on, log onto [www.burnseries.co.uk/youradventure](http://www.burnseries.co.uk/youradventure) for full details.

I've been to Margam Park this week planning the orienteering course for the upcoming Mini Burn event on the June 28. If you are planning to take part then it's worth brushing up on your orienteering skills as the bogs are plentiful at Margam Park and just trying to find your way around these is going to be fun. Maybe this could be the challenge you are looking for?

Make sure you join me next week for more adventures.

**FOOTNOTE**  
This column is provided for idea purposes only. Always check with your doctor if you have concerns about your health, prior to embarking on any form of physical activity and let someone know where you are going.

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## DYFFRYN DECIDES TO DAZZLE WITH DAHLIAS

**D Y F F R Y N Gardens is recreating the 1914 dahlia trials this summer, and visitors will be able to experience the sights and smells of a garden bursting with 1,000 dahlias.**

The year 2014 marks 100 years since Reginald Cory, the man who created the gardens,

cultivated and grew over 7,000 different cultivars of dahlias.

The gardeners at Dyffryn are celebrating the centenary by filling every border, bed and pot with 1,000 dahlia plants.

A spokeswoman said: "This year will be by far the most dramatic recreation that the Dyffryn gardeners have attempted. Re-enacting the dahlia trials has been a year-long project from planning and designing to researching and finding the oldest cultivars, sadly some of which no longer exist."

"The dahlias are being planted now and will start to look fabulous from early August right through to the end of September."

"With so many different colours and types, the dahlia is an incredibly versatile flower. They will look very dramatic by late summer; it's definitely worth coming to have a look," said Alex Luker, head gardener at Dyffryn Gardens.

Alex will also be giving a free talk on 'Cory's plants at Dyffryn' this evening, (June 12) at 7pm for any garden enthusiasts. Please call 02920 590813 to book a place.

The gardens are open seven days a week from 10am until 6pm until the end of September.

A spokeswoman said: "We would like to advise visitors that we are currently making arrangements to resolve this problem and would ask for the public's patience and understanding in this matter."

## Town council's cemetery apology

**BARRY Town Council says it would like to apologise for any distress that may be caused by the appearance of some of the sections at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Barry. Unfortunately, this is due to the recent weather conditions which have been conducive to the grass growing.**

A spokeswoman said: "We would like to advise visitors that we are currently making arrangements to resolve this problem and would ask for the public's patience and understanding in this matter."



# How a harsher Britain is making life tough for man's best friend!

**O**UR first dog, Jacob Woodie Sausage Williamson-Sarll (try shouting that out on the Common) could say sausages.

The most adorable, toffee-coloured creature, with floppy ears and black 'eye liner', he was a Labrador-German Shepherd cross, rescued by us as a puppy from the Dogs Trust, which was then the NCDL, on Tondur Road in Bridgend.

Like all committed, loving dog owners, we thought Jakie was incredibly special, and as well as his verbal prowess (well, it SOUNDED like sausages to us), he always knew exactly when my husband would arrive home, loved to be hoovered with the attachment (done gently, promise) and had a passion for trying to bite bees.

Our first 'baby', we had him before our two daughters came along, and when he died, aged nine and a half, we all grieved his loss as though he were a member of the family.

Which, of course, he was.

He is buried in our garden, with poems from the girls and a bone, and his picture has pride of place in our living room.

Simba came next, an equally delightful rescue dog, this time from the RSPCA in Swansea. He was with us for just five years, but was just as much part of the family. His relationship with the hoover was less amicable: he hated it and chewed it to bits (I would happily have done the same).

We adored him nevertheless and, as with Jacob, he contributed so much to our family life. Petless now for a number of years, we miss a dog's presence (if not the hairs) in our home.

There is nothing quite like a dog's welcome when you open the front door – and nothing quite like their unconditional devotion.

It was this empirical research into the life of rescue dogs which informed my agenda when I recently visited the Dogs Trust and Croft Kennels in Bridgend. This, and the almost-daily dissing of dogs in the media, which seems to have become routine of late.

Our nation's once much-loved mutts have been getting a pretty bad press, with stories of dog fouling, puppy farming (Wales is the national hot spot for this heinous practice), designer (Cockapoos and Labradoodles) and dangerous dogs all grabbing the headlines.

With an estimated 8 – 10 million dogs in the UK, we appear to remain a nation of dog-lovers, but despite a six per cent drop in numbers from the previous year, the 2013 stray dog figures show that too many continue to be abandoned – 111,986 nationwide.

In Wales, an encouraging 14 per cent decrease was also noted last year, from 10,230 to 8,840, but this is still the fifth highest number of strays per authority in the UK – an average of 24 dogs being picked up every day.

So what exactly are the main problems – and are we able to solve them?

Jamie Graham, who has worked at Croft Kennels for just over a year, is unequivocal: "It's hardly ever the dogs who are the problem. It's what's at the other end of the lead". A damning indictment, indeed, of the inadequacies of many owners.

Jamie, one of a small team at the kennels, which act as the official dog pound for Bridgend and the Vale, sees this problem time and time again.

"Any dog can be a good dog with the right training. And the dog needs to be the right match for the owner. This ongoing criticism of Staffies, for example, it's just not fair on the dogs.

"They are a great breed. People forget that they were originally labelled 'nanny dogs' because they are so good with children. The 'hound from hell' image has come about because they have gone to the wrong homes, where they've been cooped up for long hours. Or kids have been allowed to taunt them.

"It's a lack of education on the owners' part. You can buy a dog cheaply so easily these days. Look..."

He scrolls down his phone to show me a site offering pups for as little as £30. "There are no questions asked by the seller about suitability and the owner has no idea what he or she is taking on.

"Two months down the line, the owners can't cope, which means another dog brought to us or found wandering on the streets".

Jamie has a passion to change the situation and a passion for his work: "If your heart weren't in this, there'd be no point in walking through the gate in the morning.

"It's a vocation and it's like a family up here. We all try our best to get the dogs back into good, loving homes".

In a quiet, rural location near Coity, on the outskirts of Bridgend, Croft Kennels was established by Adrienne Morgan 19 years ago, cares for up to 52 dogs and acts as the official Dog

by CAROLINE SARLL

Pound for both Bridgend county and the Vale.

"We have a non-destruction policy here" adds Jamie. "It's extremely rare for a dog to be put to sleep and there has to be a very good reason. We try our very best to reunite a dog with its owner, but we often find they are not reclaimed due to cost.

"We have to charge for housing and feeding the dog while it's with us, and there's a reclaiming cost, but many people don't want to – or can't pay the fee when they arrive. It's a tough economic climate".

The day I visit, there are several empty kennels. "We are having a quiet spell at the moment, which is encouraging". All the dogs are well-groomed and there is clear affection from all the workers for their charges:

"We work hard with them and try to iron out any little problems. You do get very attached to them", says another staff member, Chris Hopkins, who worked for 10 years in a boarding kennels in France before starting at Croft.

He echoes Jamie's sentiments about some owners. "It's frustrating that the dogs are often here because they haven't been given the necessary guidelines from the start".

This feeling was echoed, too, by Beverly Price, Dogs Trust manager in Bridgend: "People think they can just buy a dog, without doing any research or having any of the necessary skills: it's like expecting to drive a car without having any lesson.

"We get up to a hundred calls a week from people asking us to take their dogs – and often it's because they simply can't cope. They haven't undergone any training and they are not in tune with the dog's needs: people forget that each dog has its own personality, just like a human being".

Beverly, who has worked at the Dogs Trust for 22 years and owns three dogs of her own, all of whom were with her when I visited, was keen to stress from the outset that the whole 'dog situation in this country' needs readdressing.

"We are seeing so much neglect and cruelty and more maltreatment than 10 years ago. It's not just unscrupulous breeders, either, although that is clearly a problem. We are getting more and more cases of people buying dogs, then trying to carry on with their working lives, full time.

"Some people are locking their dogs in crates and often leaving them there all day while they are out. It's shocking. The dogs then develop behavioural issues, because they are bored and frustrated. And, on a basic level, they probably need the toilet. It's really awful.

"We always tell people that you shouldn't leave a dog for more than three to four hours at a time, maximum. Never all day. The dog will be so lonely, which can lead to anxiety and other problems.

"There's a lack of education and a lack of time invested in the dog. There is no commitment from a lot of people these days. They just give up and want to give the dog back, which leads to broken attachments for the dog. It's heartbreaking".

Consulting her notes – "There is so much I want to tell you!" – Beverly moves on to what is clearly – no pun intended – one of her pet hates:

"The biggest issue I think we are confronting at the moment is that of designer dogs, or dogs as fashion items. Money-driven breeders are creating these hybrids – Yorkipoos, cockapoos and the like – and they are creating all sorts of behavioural and health problems in the dogs.

"Women carry them round in their handbags – and the dogs then refuse to walk anywhere. It's not natural. And some of the cross breeds have traits that are simply not compatible – like a collie and a bull breed – you've got speed in the one and strength in the other – and people don't know how to manage them".

Beverly agrees with Jamie at Croft Kennels that Staffies are thoroughly misunderstood: "They are one of the most abused dogs of today. Any pound you visit will be full of them. Of the 20 calls we get a day, 70 per cent of them will be about Staffies. They are being overbred.

"They often end up in families where they don't get treated properly. Too often they are not properly socialised. Again, it's down to a question of training – or lack of it. I can't stress that enough.

"But it has to be the right sort of training, where positive reinforcement is used with treats and titbits – no choke chains or other harsh methods! We offer training classes here on Thursday evenings. They are run by our TBAs (Training and Behavioural Advisors) and we encourage all adopters to attend. It's in our interests and theirs. We don't want to see a dog being brought back".



I ask Beverly whether we would benefit from another Barbara Woodhouse figurehead? "Maybe. But what we really need is to get the message across that all owners should undergo training with their dogs – with professionals.

"It's so obvious, but I think it's what has to happen. We are back to the driving lessons analogy. And, like small children, dogs do love a routine".

Beverly, who manages a staff of 26, which includes canine carers, a campaigns officer and an education and a veterinary department, runs through the rigid dog adoption process, which includes a home visit to ensure that the home and garden are safe. "You wouldn't necessarily get that from a private seller".

The fee to adopt a dog is £80, which includes four weeks' free insurance, all vaccinations, neutering ("vital, in the battle to reduce the number of strays"), a lead and a collar. All dogs leave the Trust microchipped.

"It will be compulsory from March 1, 2015 for all dogs to be microchipped. We are offering a free drop-in service, so there is ample opportunity for all owners to get this done. Like neutering, it's a vital step towards reducing the number of abandoned dogs."

Linda Feagan, supporter relations officer at the Dogs Trust, Bridgend, picks up on this: "It's such a quick and easy form of ID. From next March, there will be a penalty enforced if a dog is found unchipped.

"As owners can get it done for free at the moment, there is no excuse not to! And it clearly works. 40 per cent of dogs reunited with their owners last year were due to microchipping, compared with 22 per cent the previous year. We also need to ensure that more dogs are neutered, to avoid the problem of overbreeding.

"Sadly, there were still 9,000 dogs put to sleep last year across the UK. We have a non-destruction policy, but with so many new dogs coming in every week, it's inevitable that some will not be rehomed".

## Fun day and Dog Show

While acknowledging the problems, it is important to remember the undisputed joy and benefits of dog ownership, something that Croft Kennels and the Dogs Trust are keen to promote. Linda's remit includes the organising of the annual Fun Day And Dog Show in Margam Park.

This year, it takes place on June 22 and for Linda and the team, it is a vital opportunity to show the public just how much fun having a dog can be:

"We've talked about a lot of the problems, but I want to stress the positive side as well. Having a dog can be so rewarding. In this year's show, we have a waggiest tail competition, best trick, doggy dancing and a golden oldie award" (for the dogs or the owners, I wonder?).

"Many adopters come to show off their charges. The pride people take in their pets is wonderful to witness. And it's another great opportunity for the dogs to socialise – another key aspect of successful dog ownership."

Linda is also a great advocate of the Dogs Trust Sponsoring Scheme. "For just £1 a week, you can make a difference to a dog's life, helping to feed it, pay for vets' bills and even for toys.

"It's a great scheme for dog lovers who can't accommodate a dog in their home. The chosen dog sends the sponsor birthday and Christmas cards – and even Valentine cards! The scheme is working really well".

And what about funding? "As a charity, we rely on donations from our wonderful supporters to allow us to continue the work we do", says Linda.



"Many people choose to become a member of Dogs Trust, others choose to sponsor a dog and around a quarter of our income comes from people leaving a gift to Dogs Trust in their will".

As a much smaller operation, which only has four members of staff, Croft Kennels are often stretched to the limit financially. Jamie talks with fondness about two dogs they have recently rescued, both of whom required urgent surgery.

"Twix is a delightful eight-year-old chocolate Lab, who came to us with a massive tumour on her side. Polly is a one-year-old Black Lab, who had a tumour on her mammary. We paid for both dogs' operations out of our own funds and, hopefully, they will make a full recovery. Polly already has a new home to go to, which is such a relief".

Clearly struggling to cover the costs of such major surgery, Jamie is keen to talk about Crofts' latest initiative to raise awareness and much-needed funding. "We are launching a Friends of Croft Kennels Scheme and inviting any dog lovers to come and volunteer with us.

"We need help with dog walking and maintenance, as well as fundraising and awareness campaigns. We'll be celebrating our 20th anniversary soon, so we need help with that too. We hope to organise a big open day".

At the Dogs Trust, as Beverly and I walk to the kennel area to see the dogs currently awaiting new homes, we check on her own trio bedded down in the office, on the way. Beverly, like all the people I have spoken to is clearly passionate about dog welfare and desperately keen to see a more responsible attitude towards man's best friend.

She is keen to emphasise that the Dogs Trust will always be there to provide ongoing advice and support for all adopters, even after the dog has long left their care.

I applaud the work that all these marvellous people do – at the Dogs Trust, Croft Kennels and other rehoming centres – and also the emotional tenacity it requires: it can't be easy seeing abandoned creatures day in day out.

It must also be extremely tough bonding with these loving and desperate-to-be-loved animals, then having to let them go. As a respite foster carer (for children), I know how difficult and painful these temporary relationships can be. But it is clear that we desperately need more canine adopters to come forward.

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# VITAL WORK OF THE DOGS TRUST



Chris Hopkins at Croft Kennels, with George.



Twix, after her operation.

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THE Dogs Trust, the UK's largest dog welfare charity (boasting the Queen as its patron), looks after 17,000 dogs annually in the UK.

In Bridgend, the centre rehomed 600 every year. But, as the Dogs Trust slogan so clearly states, if you are thinking of getting a dog, it is 'for life, not just for Christmas'.

We had Jacob Woodie Sausage for nine years. My sister had her German Shepherd, Rubble, for nearly 13. If your dog is fortunate enough to live a long, healthy life, it is really like raising another child. There is much hard work required – but there are many, many rewards.

Having a dog teaches you about loyalty and commitment. A dog keeps you fit. As we all race at breakneck speed through life these days, a dog can also teach us to slow down.

For me, an inveterate A-type personality, multitasking like mad, one of the greatest pleasures of owning Jacob and Simba was sitting down and stroking them and communicating with one another in silence.

When it comes to emotional

intelligence, our canine cousins really are top dogs. They sense our every mood and are there for us through thick and thin. Thinking of all the dogs I have seen over the last few days, their appealing eyes looking up at me as I patted and stroked them, I hope that it will not be too long before we as a family welcome another rescue dog into our home – and before others decide to take the plunge.

With all the right information and training, this is one purchase you will not regret – and which need not break the bank. Although there are obvious costs, including vets' bills, dogs, unlike most of us these days, are not materialistic and will generally be happy with an old, chewed ball, a daily bowl (or two) of food and a bed. The main thing they need, as Beverly stated, is time – and endless love. Neither of these need cost you a penny.

If you would like any further information on Dogs Trust, please call Linda on 01656 728923 or go to: [www.dogstrust.org.uk/bridgend](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/bridgend).

Croft Kennels can be contacted on: 01656 862288 or at [www.croftrescuekennels.net](http://www.croftrescuekennels.net).

## Mint outreach to local schools

THE Royal Mint Museum in Llantrisant has developed free resources for teachers and pupils wishing to explore the world of coins through a range of creative activities to support the National Curriculum, and is offering local schools educational outreach sessions.

'Coins in the Classroom' has been designed to complement the curriculum at Key Stage 2 but can be easily adapted for Key Stage 3 using the curriculum links outlined in each lesson.

Every 'Coins in the Classroom' pack contains six lessons which detail the history, design and manufacturing of coins, and includes teachers' notes, lesson plans, fact files, worksheets and whiteboard resource.

The resources can be downloaded for free from the Royal Mint Museum's website [www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/](http://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/).

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ideas flow, the exciting part of creating something completely bespoke begins."

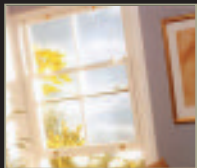
In these early stages, Securahome's designers create a 3D CAD model to help homeowners work through their ideas.

"Over the years those ideas have included wood burners vented through a pillar, fold away 'glass walls' created using bi-folding doors and ultra-modern floor to ceiling glass," Nigel adds. "Just about anything is possible."

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## Local police issue a warning over garden furniture

**POLICE in Maesteg are appealing for information after a spate of thefts of garden furniture over the past month.**

A number of wooden benches and full sets of hardwood and rattan garden furniture, some of which are of high value, have been removed from gardens overnight.

Police Sergeant Robert Lewis said: "We are keen to speak to anyone who may have been offered the stolen items for sale".

South Wales Police are warning that the beginning of summer sees an increase of thefts from locations such as garages, gardens and garden sheds.

Garden tools such as

electric drills, jigsaws and sanders can be among the most popular items for thieves.

Deborah Elward, crime reduction advisor for Bridgend and the Vale, said: "We would urge all homeowners to make sure their sheds are properly secured and remember to clear up every evening so there's nothing left lying around that could tempt opportunist thieves."

"There are simple steps you can take to protect your garden, such as putting away your gardening tools or children's toys at the end of the day and locking your sheds. If you have any bulky items which can't be locked away, such as a large gas barbecue or garden furniture, then do what you can to secure them".

Deborah Elward

added: "Loose items such as ladders and wheelie bins are the perfect 'tools' for opportunist thieves to use in order to gain access into your home, so always make sure you lock them away or place them out of sight".

Anyone with any information in relation to the theft of the

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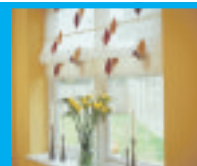
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# Who wants to build what, and where?

Mr Mike Bretland – 7 **Beach Road, Penarth** – Demolition of existing garage/store and rebuild.  
Mr Richard Pinnington – 12 **Britway Road, Dinas Powys** – Two storey rear extension.  
Mrs Eda Kennedy – 17 **Borough Close, Cowbridge** – Creation of two separate dwellings from existing dwelling and granny annexe. Resubmission of refusal 2013/00313/FUL.

Mr Christopher Edwards – **Llantwit Major Library, Boverton Road, Llantwit Major** – Refurbishment of Llantwit Major Library.  
Mr Andrew Clarke – 28 **West Farm Road, Ogmere By Sea** – Renovation extension of existing detached dwelling new garden room.

Mrs S Bell – 153 **Redlands Road, Penarth** – Proposed ground floor garden room and sitting room extension.

Mr Oliver Foot – 18 **Wordsworth Avenue, Penarth** – Construction of first floor bedroom extension above existing single storey kitchen

annexe.  
Mr John Maidment – 4 **Manor Park, Llantwit Major** – Rear two storey extension to dwelling.  
Ms S Rees – 67 **Heol yr Frenhines, Dinas Powys** – Demolish existing single storey garage and single storey flat roof extension, and porch to the front. Construct new two storey extension to side and new single storey lean-to at rear, and single storey annexe taking footprint of original garage.

Mr Andy and Mrs Jackie Thomas – 6 **Westgate, Cowbridge** – Conversion of existing covered car port to garage.

Mrs Leeke – **Townmill House, Townmill Road, Cowbridge** – Erect orangery style conservatory.

Mr Robert Harry – **Land between Pop Hill and Cross Common Road, Dinas Powys** – Proposed road.

Miss Jane Cummings – 24 **John Street, Barry** – Single storey extension to back of property.  
Mr and Mrs Jeff Shorney – 58

**Cosmeston Drive, Penarth** – Ground and first floor extension.  
Mr Craig Maxwell – 5 **Hastings Avenue, Penarth** – Proposed rear extension plus associated works.

Mr and Mrs William Fear – 1 **Lewis Road, Llandough, Penarth** – Ground floor rear extension and first floor rear extension above existing structure. New storm porch and screen wall to existing main entrance.

Mrs Sheila David – **Kendall, 6 Church Road, Wick** – Pruning and removal of all dead wood and ivy to pine tree.

Mrs M Davies – 31 **Smithies Avenue, Sully** – Proposed rear single storey bedroom extension.  
Hawkins Brothers Investment Properties – **Candide, St Mary Hill, Pencoed** – Construct detached single storey garage to accommodate three cars (with storage facilities for sit-on mower, etc).

Mr Harmesh Singh – **The Admiral, Vere Street, Barry** – New fascia and signage.  
Mr Syd Gaughan – **Marsyd, St**

**Lythans** – Retention of manege and perimeter fencing.  
BDW Trading Ltd – **West Pond, land at Barry Waterfront, Barry** – Amendment to layout as permitted by applications 2009/00946/OUT and 2012/00732/EAR – repositioning of plots 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 72, 73, 74 and 75.

Mr Simon Baston – **Windsor Arcade, Windsor Road, Penarth** – Replacement of glazing bars to central atrium and windows.

Mr Malcolm Bennett – 8 **Mallard Way, Penarth** – Demolition of existing conservatory at the rear of the property. Construction of single height extension in place of existing conservatory. Construction of single height extension on the northern side of the house.

Mr Robert Harry – **Land adjacent Old Port Road, Wenvoe** – Retention of rear storage area and extension to form two new stables.

Mr and Mrs M Birbraer – 16 **Althorpe Drive, Cosmeston,**

**Penarth** – Extend to ground floor new sun lounge, bedroom, utility room, cloakroom and porch.

Mr Chris Rowlands – **Four Winds, St Lythans Road, St Lythans** – Utility room extension to rear.

Mr Derek Price – **The Rise, Highwalls End, Dinas Powys** – Extension for bedroom – ensuite, home office and ancillary room.

Mr Justin Williams – 19 **Countess Place, Penarth** – Rear two storey extension and roof conversion.

Mrs N Richards – **Tudor Lodge, Bonvilston** – Erection of external sheep shed for water and feed storage.

Dr Cheryl Ellis – **Yr Hen Felin Wynt, Windmill Close, Wick** – To erect a horse stable, tack room, hay and feed store with turnout area for one horse and one pony.

Ms Amber Constant – **Colcot Primary School, Florence Avenue, Barry** – Demolition of two dilapidated prefabricated classroom units. Construction of two new classrooms, revised entry to school building, internal

refurbishment of section of school for use as Flying Start Pre-school education facility together with new car parking and ancillary works.

Mr Chris Spiteri – 87 **Main Street, Barry** – Conversion of property to form nine self-contained flats with associated elevational changes and external works to rear.

Mrs Louise Thomas – 24 **Rectory Close, Wenvoe** – Two storey side extension.

Lee Thomas – 47 **Claude Road, Barry** – Construction of a new detached garage to front of property.

Namulas Pension Trustees Ltd – 38 **Windsor Road, Penarth** – Variation of conditions 5 and 12 of Planning Permission 2013/01192/FUL (Change of Use from Class A1 (Shops) to Class A3 (Hot Food Takeaway)) and external alterations, including the installation of ventilation and extraction equipment).

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## WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE?

One Stop Stores Ltd - **Londis Supermarket, Shop 5 units 4 - 6, Plas Cleddau, Barry** - Ms Kate Gardner - **9 St Ambrose Close, Dinas Powys** - Second storey extension to existing single storey side extension with four roof lights. New pitched roof to replace flat roof on existing side garage.  
Mr Hashem Djaiz - **Yr Rhosyn, Highlight Lane, Barry** - Proposed relocation and rebuild of existing granny annexe in garden.  
A Design Build Ltd - **8 Senni Close, Barry** - Re-application of expired full planning for two storey extension.  
Mr Michael Kay - **The Sages, Colwinston** - Take down and rebuild natural stone boundary wall.  
Mr Keith Stephenson - **The Greave, Port Road, Wenvoe** - Replacement of windows with windows and doors including Juliet balconies and the construction of new porch and balcony to an existing residential property.

## Gardens open for viewing

**THE following gardens are open on the weekend of June 15 under the NCT Gardens scheme.**  
**Pontygwaith Farm, Edwardsville, near Treharris, CF46 5PD.**

This 4½ acre garden surrounding a 17th century farmhouse is adjacent to Trevithick's Tramway. Situated in picturesque wooded valley. Fishpond, lawns, perennial borders, new lakeside walk, rose garden, Japanese garden. Grade II listed humpback packhorse bridge in garden, spanning River Taff. A lovely day out for all the family. Welcome to visitors on the Taff Trail (April - Sept, 10am - 5pm).

Open: June 15, 16 (10 - 5), admission £3.50. Visitors also welcome by appointment May to August.

**Porthcawl gardens, Porthcawl, CF36 5EB**  
Shortlands has recently been refurbished and the garden is now being tackled and restored to its former glory.

The garden is approximately two acres and divided into four areas. Front garden is laid to lawns and shrubs together with mature trees, a formal walled garden with central water feature, two further large lawns surrounded by mature trees and shrubs with

summer house. Tythegston Pottery is a developing natural varied garden (1/3acre) with borders, rockery, lawn, vegetable garden, soft fruit cages and fruit trees, and a shady bank with ferns.

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Newton Cottage has a large informal cottage garden. Mixed borders, good variety of shrubs, climbers and herbaceous plants. Box garden. Kitchen garden.

Open: June 15 (12-6), admission £5.

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Jeremy will now go forward to the National LABC Building Excellency awards in November, where he will compete against site



Jeremy White with his award.

managers from across the UK.

He said: "It is a real honour to receive this award. I was thrilled to win at the Bridgend Building Awards, and to then be awarded best in south Wales was a wonderful surprise. I am very lucky to work with a fantastic team at Pentre Felin and I could not have got this award without them, so I must say a big thank you to everyone on the site for their hard work over the last year."

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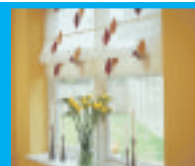


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# WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT, AND WHERE IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN?

Mr David Pearn – **Pearns Pharmacies Ltd, 36 Windsor Road, Penarth** – New shopfront with wheelchair access to the existing pharmacy.  
 Grace Baxter, Bay View – **Bay View, 3 Old Barry Road, Penarth** – Change of Use. Up to a maximum of 10 other children/young adults all living in the house as a single family.  
 Mr C and Mrs J Eason – **The Anchorage, Penllyn** – First floor extension above garage, rear ground floor extension and internal remodelling and alterations.  
 Cowbridge Comprehensive School – **Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Aberthin Road, Cowbridge** – The erection of a single storey steel framed and clad storage shed.  
 Mr Cy Wisenden – **98 Broadway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – Demolition of existing porch and replacement with new slightly larger porch; replacement of existing flat roof on front bedroom with pitched roof; conversion of existing garage into garden room.  
 Mrs Yvonne Gimber – **17 Caynham Avenue, Penarth** – Proposed dormer conversion to an existing single storey residential bungalow and proposed rear extension. The proposed development includes raising the existing roof ridge line by 500mm.  
 Mr AH and Mrs L Monger – **Land at 4 and 5 Salop Place, Penarth** –

Demolition of redundant buildings used as builder's yard and construction of two-bedroom bungalow (renewal of 2009/00192/FUL).  
 Mr Paul Drew – **Ivy Cottage, Leckwith Road, Cardiff** – Reconfiguration of highways access, replacing existing impracticably steep driveway with lay-by parking parallel to highway.  
 Mr Cliff Price – **Canoldir, Dyffryn** – Removal and replacement of existing UPVC windows and doors with double glazed HW units; removal of existing concrete roof tiles and replacement with slate tiles; form new main entrance on west elevation and provide new flat roof (zinc/lead) with skylight; formation of new windows at first floor; proposed double garage.  
 Mr and Mrs Jason Godden – **58 Smithies Avenue, Sully** – Proposed ground floor side extension.  
 Mr and Mrs Mark Davies – **28 Evenlode Avenue, Penarth** – Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and the construction of a new single storey extension in the rear garden.  
 Mr Dave Matthews – **34 Millfield Drive, Cowbridge** – Proposed two storey extension to side and rear of existing dwelling.  
 Ms J Sharkey – **Ninian House, Wine Street, Llantwit Major** – Demolition of existing rear annexes, construction of two storey rear extension and internal

alterations to property.  
 Mr Adrian Jones – **2 Britten Road, Penarth** – Demolish existing single storey garage. Construction of two storey side extension and front/rear dormers.  
 Mr and Mrs David Baker – **29 Borough Close, Cowbridge** – Part single with part two storey rear extension.  
 VJ Thomas & Son – **Pancross Farm, Llancafarn** – Planning application for dairy loose housing.  
 Dunraven Estates Company – **Sealands Farm, St Brides Major** – Access, track, handstanding and grain store building.  
 Mr Terry Edgell – **Llwynddu, Welsh St Donats** – Construction of 25m x 45m private equestrian manege on redundant ground.  
 Taylor Wimpey plc and South Wales Land Development – **Land north of the railway line (west), Rhose** – Residential development with associated access and associated works, to include public open space and land for a primary school (including the demolition of 46 Porthkerry Road and its associated outbuildings).  
 Mrs Rhian Griffiths – **123 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – Removal of dilapidated garage and workshop; single storey rear extension in existing workshop area.  
 Mr Jonathan Powell – **Danygraig,**

**Graig Penllyn** – Demolish existing farmhouse and erect two dwellings with associated works.  
 Dr S Wyatt – **Ty Fry Farm, Llandow** – Reroofing and recladding of attached shed. Reroofing of pigsties and vertical slate hanging off attached wall.  
 Mr Mark Ridgeway – **16 Parklands, Corntown** – Rear extension to detached garage.  
 Dr John Crimmins – **Ty Croeso, West End, Llantwit Major** – To demolish existing garage and erect in its place a single storey annexe providing accommodation and facilities for a disabled person including overnight room for a carer.  
 Mrs Miriam Braddon – **5 Romilly Road, Rhose** – Single storey side extension.  
 Maria Hajigeorgis – **16 York Place, Barry** – The change of use of the ancillary retail floor space to create a self-contained two bedroom apartment to the rear of 16 York Place, Barry.  
 Mr James Hindmarsh – **2 Church Place, South, Penarth** – Modifications to garage.  
 TJ Kinsey & Sons – **Cwm Derwen, Weycock Road, Barry** – Extension to existing barn.  
 Ms Alison Leach – **Enclosure 8807, Sigingstone Lane, Llanmaes** – Erection of polytunnel 14 ft (4.267m) x 36 ft (20.973m).

Mrs Julie Richardson – **Yr Ysgubor, St Lythans** – Amendments to previous consent 2013/00272/FUL – extension to utility area to rear of garage and alterations to existing dwelling and proposed link.  
 Mrs Gaynor Millar – **PW Millar Ltd, 148 Port Road East, Barry** – Non-illuminated fascia sign.  
 Mr Paul Rolley – **7 Fulmar Close, Lavernock Park, Penarth** – Proposed porch and rear dormer to property.  
 Mr Reginald Forse – **Reg Forse Land, Cog Moors, nr Barry** – Proposed building.  
 Mr Jonathan Werrett – **Barry Comprehensive School, Port Road West, Barry** – Demolition of existing two storey art block and replacement with single storey modular building.  
 Mr John Payne – **4 Doniford Close, Sully** – Proposed rear lower extension to property.  
 Mr John Smith – **Wenvoe Service Station and West Cross, Port Road, Wenvoe** – Erection of three two-bedroom dormer bungalows on site currently used for repair of motor vehicles and residential land.

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# Ramblers enjoy an evening walk around Porthkerry

A GROUP of Penarth and District Ramblers met up with their leaders Jan and John at the Toby Inn car park on Port Road for a four-mile evening walk, taking in Porthkerry Country Park.

Dark clouds overshadowed the sky which soon turned into rainfall that stayed for the whole of their journey.

Following the lane beside the pub past Cwm Cidi Farm adjacent to the Millwood it was interesting to note that at Cwm Cidi, which translated means the valley of the black dog and, according to folklore emits an eerie howl as travellers pass through the lane, way back in the middle of the 13th century a village grew up.

Through the passing years the village declined and when the Romilly family cleared the area to form Porthkerry Park during the 1840s, any remaining dwellings were removed.

Making their way up the footpath through the wood beside the main Barry to Bridgend railway line, the group reached open fields at West Ridge and crossing stiles and edging around meadows full of wheat, rather soggy views towards Cardiff International Airport came into view.

Descending through a field rutted by the hoofs of cattle and passing an old ruined cottage to cross the bridge over the Whitelands Brook, they avoided energetic young cattle in the next field to emerge beside the Old Rectory, which later became the Egerton Gray Hotel which is no longer open for business.

Crossing a field behind the imposing Porthkerry Viaduct and climbing the narrow sunken lane up to Church Farm, then across the green to the whitewashed St Curig's Church, the group turned inland heading down through a steep woodland path to cross the pitch and putt course.

Then, following soggy paths through

Knockmandown Wood they re-joined the lane to make their way back to their start.

On June 14, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile moderate walk taking in the Iron Trail at Blaenavon; contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On June 15, meet 9.30am at Cogan for a six-mile easy walk at the Severn crossings (ferry and bridge); contact Jan/John on 01446 418514.

On June 19, meet 7pm at the Colcot Arms pub, Colcot Road, Barry (do not use the pub car park) for a 3.5-mile moderate walk in the Goldsland valley; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

*Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.*

Joy Strangward

# Merrie weekend at Cosmeston Medieval Village



**COSMESTON Medieval Village** was sent travelling back in time 600 years over the bank holiday weekend for its fantastic Troubled Times event.

Despite the poor weather on the Sunday, the weekend was a big success with Monday seeing over 500 visitors turn up to experience the sights, sounds and smells of medieval Wales.

Guests were treated to a travelling fayre carrying unusual goods for sale, a falconer

displaying his beautiful hawks and falcons, and an armoured foot tournament which saw the strongest men-at-arms battling for the title of champion.

During the event, medieval minstrels A Merrie Noyse provided some music and dancing lords and ladies gathered to teach guests some traditional dances.

Coun Gwyn John said: "I am delighted that so many people who visited Cosmeston enjoyed their day at the Medieval Village and I look forward to them attending further events in the future."

## THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL • CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

### Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

### Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

#### Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00514/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Relandscape part of the rear garden to create new seating area together with a summerhouse
Location:/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	32, Plymouth Road, Penarth
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00550/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig:	Residential development with associated access and associated works, to include public open space and land for a primary school (including the demolition of 46 Porthkerry Road and its associated outbuildings)
Location:/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	Land north of the railway line (west), Rhooose
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00572/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Modifications to garage
Location:/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2, Church Place South, Penarth
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00588/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Demolition existing garage/store and rebuild
Location:/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	7, Beach Road, Penarth

#### Listed Building Consent/Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00502/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Renew the existing natural slate roof covering to the whole property; reuse 50% of the existing slates on the front elevation and use new Spanish Del Carmen Grade 1 slates to the rear elevations
Location:/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Great House, Bridge Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00506/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Enlarge and existing window to form an external door providing access from the kitchen to the west walled garden
Location:/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Great House, Bridge Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00543/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Take down and rebuild natural stone boundary wall
Location:/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	The Sages, Colwinston
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00544/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Reroofing and recladding of attached shed. Reroofing of pigsties and vertical slate hanging off attached wall
Location:/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Ty Fry Farm, Llandow
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00618/LBC
Proposal/Cynnig:	Replacement of glazing bars to central atrium and windows
Location:/Lleoliad: Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Windsor Arcade, Windsor Road, Penarth

#### Application(s) of General Interest/ Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00490/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig:	Residential development comprising the erection of up to 25 dwellings together with associated access, services and landscaping (outline)
Location:/Lleoliad:	Church Farm, Ystradowen
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00516/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Planning application for Dairy Loose Housing
Location:/Lleoliad:	Pancross Farm, Llancafan
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00536/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	The erection of a single storey steel framed and clad storage shed
Location:/Lleoliad:	Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Aberthin Road, Cowbridge
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00550/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig:	Residential development with associated access and associated works, to include public open space and land for a primary school (including the demolition of 46 Porthkerry Road and its associated outbuildings)
Location:/Lleoliad:	Land north of the railway line (west), Rhooose
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00557/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	Conversion of property to form 9 No. self-contained flats with associated elevational changes and external works to rear.
Location:/Lleoliad:	87, Main Street, Barry
Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00625/RES
Proposal/Cynnig:	Amendment to layout as permitted by applications 2009/00946/OUT and 2012/00732/EAR - repositioning of plots 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 72, 73, 74 and 75.
Location:/Lleoliad:	West Pond, land at Barry Waterfront, Barry

#### May affect a Public Right of Way Gall effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

Application No./ Rhif y cais:	2014/00550/OUT
Proposal/Cynnig:	Residential development with associated access and associated works, to include public open space and land for a primary school (including the demolition of 46 Porthkerry Road and its associated outbuildings)
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#### Departure from Development Plan / Gwyrto o'r Cynllun Datblygu

Application No./Rhif y cais:	2014/00632/FUL
Proposal/Cynnig:	New Vocational Learning Centre for Beechwood College including change of use from agricultural land. Facilities proposed include a new Vocational Centre (2-year temporary consent), workshops, paddock, stables and polytunnel
Location:/Lleoliad:	Beechwood College, Beechwood House, Hayes Road, Sully

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 12 June, 2014

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## Gallery hosts D-Day landings exhibition

**THROUGHOUT June, the Art Central gallery in Barry is marking the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings with a retrospective exhibition of work by celebrated female war artist, Ray Howard-Jones.**

This commemoration is significant to the area as Howard-Jones was a Penarth resident and was one of only a few female artists engaged by the War Commission to paint the preparations for D-Day along the south Wales coastline.

This impressive collection of work has been co-ordinated and curated by Emeritus Professor of Poetry of the University of Glamorgan and established writer and poet Tony Curtis.

Ray Howard-Jones was born in Berkshire in 1903. She was christened Rose Marie Howard-Jones, and was later affectionately nicknamed 'Ray the Paint' by her friends. She moved to Penarth at the age of two and was

raised in her grandfather's home on Plymouth Road. In the early 1920s Ray studied at Slade School of Fine Art in London, and was described by Wilson Steer as "the finest colourist the Slade has ever produced."

Ray is best known for her paintings along the Penarth and Pembrokeshire coastlines, but perhaps her most significant accomplishments are her recordings of the D-Day Landing preparations in 1944 of Penarth and Cardiff Docks.

For this retrospective, works have been brought together from numerous public and private collections across Wales and England. Her work is displayed substantially in the National Library and National Museum of Wales, as well as in the Imperial War Museum in London.

The 'Ray Howard-Jones: A Retrospective' will be on display at Art Central Gallery, Town Hall, King's Square, Barry from Saturday, June 7 until Saturday, July 5.

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# THE LLANDOW RACE DAY RAISES FUNDS FOR ONE OF THE VALE'S GREAT CAUSES

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A CHARITY track day at Llandow motor circuit last month raised more than £1,000 plus Gift Aid for two charities – the local Ed Evans Foundation and Combat Stress, the ex-Services mental welfare society.

The event provided an opportunity for drivers to experience speed in their own cars in a safe and interesting environment.

Local clients of Combat Stress were invited to take passenger rides in a wide range of cars, including a Ford Escort, Mazda MX5, BMW M3 and Porsche 911.

The day was sponsored by Bells Engineering of Slough, which supplies valves for the power-generation industry.

The organiser, Christopher Darwin from Devon, said: "We have been running fundraising events at motor circuits for several years; this was our eighth event at Llandow and brought the total raised for the Ed Evans Foundation to over £10,000.

"We were well-supported by the circuit management and had another enjoyable day."

The Ed Evans Foundation was established in 2006 and has already raised over £170,000 for Cancer Research Wales and other charities. See [www.edevansfoundation.co.uk](http://www.edevansfoundation.co.uk)

Combat Stress is a military charity specialising in the care of veterans' mental health. It treats conditions such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety disorders – and its services are free of charge to the veteran. See [www.combatstress.org.uk](http://www.combatstress.org.uk)



## Taking care of the yew trees

A CAMPAIGN is being launched to protect one of Wales' oldest natural assets – a species of tree which, like Doctor Who, can regenerate over thousands of years.

The yew tree is a familiar sight in most churchyards and some are even older than the Christian faith itself due to their ability to regenerate and regrow.

Wales is one of the most significant places in Europe for ancient or veteran yew trees and most of them are found in churchyards.

According to a survey by the Ancient Yew Group, the

Church in Wales owns 334 yew trees that are more than 500 years old.

It is now joining forces with two organisations during Cherishing Churchyards Week (June 7 – 15) to raise awareness of yews and encourage their sensitive care and management.

For more information, visit: [www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/index.php/cherishing-churchyards-week/cherishing-churchyards-week-2](http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/index.php/cherishing-churchyards-week/cherishing-churchyards-week-2).

The Ancient Yew Group publishes lists of the trees concerned on line. Visit <http://www.ancient-yew.org/>



## FINES AND PRISON FOR FLY-TIPPING

THE Minister for Natural Resources, Alun Davies AM, last week set out plans to reduce fly-tipping across Wales.

During 2012/13, there were over 34,000 reported incidents of fly-tipping, which cost the Welsh taxpayer £1.9 million to clear up. Although incidents of fly-tipping have decreased in Wales in recent years, it remains a significant and expensive problem.

"The Welsh Government is taking action to reduce this costly problem and the Minister is asking people to have their say on the new draft strategy, 'A Fly-tipping Free Wales'," Mr Davies said.

"Fly-tipping is a crime that spoils our neighbourhoods and has a big impact on our local communities. It

also poses a threat to people and wildlife as it spreads disease, pollutes the environment, contaminates soil and can make areas more liable to flooding. This is completely unacceptable.

"The new draft strategy sets out how the Welsh Government will work in partnership with organisations including Natural Resources Wales, the police, fire service, housing associations and local authorities to reduce incidences of fly-tipping.

"It also proposes that the reduction in fly-tipping should be achieved through a combination of measures, including business engagement, education, community action, publicity campaigns and enforcement including fines of up to £50,000 and prison sentences."



## Bridgend's Rory bucks trend with the Scarlets

BRIDGEND-born Rory Pitman has reversed the Welsh 'player drain' by joining the 'Scarlets' back row unit at No 8.

Aged 24, the Ospreys' academy graduate and product of Bridgend RFC, represented Wales at under-16, under-18 and under-20 and has regional experience with Ospreys and Glasgow Warriors.

He joined London Wasps for the 2013-14 season, after spells with Ospreys, Glasgow and Rotherham Titans as well as 25 appearances for Swansea RFC in 2010-11 where he scored five tries.

Pitman also has New Zealand provincial experience having had a spell with Taranaki during the summer of 2009.

The 6ft 5in number 8 will make a return to Wales from London Wasps where he made five appearances for Dai Young's side.

Vale-based Scarlets head coach Simon Easterby said: "We're pleased to welcome

Rory to the Scarlets as he makes a return home to Wales.

"He is a strong ball-carrying number 8 but is still very young for a back-row forward and we believe he brings with him quality attributes that will help strengthen the pack for next season."

Rory said: "I'm really looking forward to joining the Scarlets and fighting for a starting place in the team."

"I've been really impressed with the pack this season and hope that I can play a part in that going forward."

"An injury early on last season hampered my time with Wasps and I'm now excited to get a good pre-season under my belt and showing what I have to offer."

"It's an honour to have been given this opportunity and it's one I'm really looking forward to," he added.

## ST ATHAN LADIES RELAX THE PLAY FAIR RULES!



ON the last day of May, 'Mayhem' came to St Athan Golf Club ladies' section with a competition organised to support the ladies' league team.

Each lady had one 'Gotcha' where she could disrupt an opponent's shot in any reasonable manner and could purchase 'Mulligans' which enable a bad shot to be retaken without penalty.

The fun competition ended with a win for Michelle Bligh, with Liz Thomas runner-up.

The ladies' league team is doing well this season and on June 20, a team of ladies will be representing the club in the final of the Welsh Ladies Open

Championship, and we wish them the best of luck.

The annual ladies past captains' competition took place last week, and the nine-hole competition was followed by a dinner

where the players were joined by past captains dating back as far as 30 years.

Jenny Young, the current lady captain, welcomed everyone and presented the prize for the competition to Janet Davies.

The summer season's competitions are now well under way and we welcome new members to join our friendly club.

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## VALE RESORT SET TO WELCOME GOLF GREATS

The Vale Resort is gearing up to welcome some of the greatest names in golf as official associate hotel of the 'Senior Open Championship Presented by Rolex', which takes place from July 24 to 27.

A host of golfing icons including Ryder Cup stars and Major winners will be staying at the resort for the duration of the prestigious championship – the first Senior Major to be held in Wales.

Those who have already confirmed their places in the field include current

US Ryder Cup Captain and eight-time Major winner, Tom Watson, European 2010 Ryder Cup Captain, Colin Montgomerie; two-time Masters Champion, Bernhard Langer, and the winner of the recent Spanish Open, Miguel Angel Jiménez, who became the first person aged 50 to win on the main European Tour.

American Mark Wiebe will defend the title he won at Royal Birkdale in 2013.

For more information visit [senioropengolf.com](http://senioropengolf.com) or call 0800 0232557.

## Bryony gets an England call-up!



COWBRIDGE 6th former Bryony Roberts has been selected to play for the England senior women's ice hockey team in Finland this summer.

Aged just 16, Bryony is the youngest player selected, as well as the only player from Wales. Bryony has also been invited to trial for the GB under-18 girls' team. Trials begin in July.

Bryony has played ice hockey for seven years, and currently plays as a forward (and the only

girl) in the Cardiff Junior Devils under-18 boys' team, and the Cardiff Comets women's team.

She lived in Canada for two years, playing for the North Bay Ice Boltz A team in northern Ontario, and returned to Cowbridge last year.

Bryony is currently studying 'A' level Maths, Biology and Psychology, and plans to study Psychology at university.

Bryony will travel with the England team to Kisakallio, Finland in August.

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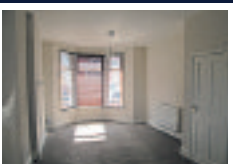
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- Offered with no chain
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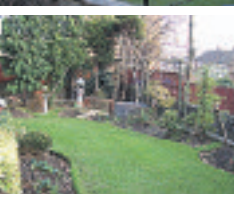
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# Tory AM demands rates rebate for market traders

**SHADOW Welsh Regeneration Minister Byron Davies is backing traders at Bridgend Market in their fight to get business rates relief passed onto them.**

Mr Davies was told by traders that the Welsh Government scheme to exempt small shops and businesses from business rates had brought no benefit to them, because the rebate had been retained by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) which operates the market.

He said: "Under the tenancy agreements that the council has with stallholders, it is liable for the business rates. But tenants argue that their rent includes an element of business rates."

"It would appear that the council has been reimbursed £32,000 a year for the past four

years - £128,000 that it has pocketed. The purpose of this scheme was to help small businesses in what has been a difficult trading climate as a result of the recession."

"Although legally the council may be within its rights, what it has done is morally indefensible."

"I would urge the council to hand this money back to the 30 businesses which occupy the market. The council says that the market has been losing money but that's a matter for them and the way they have managed it. These traders cannot be held responsible for the way that the council runs it."

Mr Davies added that while he welcomed news that the council had decided to offer the discount on the rents from now on, he urged them to backdate it for the past four years it had been receiving the rebate.

"I gather there are five empty stalls in the market so the council needs to not only to give new tenants an incentive to move in and also make sure that it does not lose any more of its existing stallholders. Reducing the rent they have to pay will be crucial."

Mr Davies said that although the council was now going to spend money on the roof, that was under the terms of the repairing lease it holds with the owners of the Rhiw Centre.

He added: "Traders themselves will not benefit from this and indeed, the installation of scaffolding throughout the market could impinge on their trade and deter customers."

The BCBC Deputy Leader, Coun David Sage, said: "Given the reduced funding provided to local authorities by central Government, the regional AM ought to know that the council

does not have the luxury of being able to backdate business rate relief."

"There is also no mention of the fact that the rent paid by traders at Bridgend indoor market is all-inclusive and covers a range of services that the council has to pay for, such as repairs, maintenance or trade waste disposal, or that we did not impose any rent increases at the market last year."

"We have met with the traders to discuss the rate relief scheme. It has already been introduced at the market, and a large proportion of stallholders have submitted their applications."

"We are installing the all-new £600,000 replacement roof and are also carrying out an upgrade of the market's electrical and mechanical infrastructure as a result of listening to the traders' concerns."



**Danny, Rhiannon and Helen with fragments of the Avro Anson that crashed filming a sequence for a Hollywood war film.**

## World War Two project leads to Hollywood... and story of tragedy

**A 10-year-old Eagleswell pupil returned home one day to ask her parents about the family's connections to the Second World War and the question uncovered a fascinating story involving the war, the RAF and Hollywood.**

**by TIM CHAPMAN**

Rhiannon Bennington was working on a project set by the primary school last September and wondered whether her parents Danny and Helen knew of any family involvement in the war.

Danny knew that his mother Jennifer was adopted and began to look into the details of her birth-parents - and along with the help of a researcher Mr David Wade uncovered an amazing story.

Danny said: "My grandfather Sgt Ernest Polden was a serving pilot in 500 Squadron during the war."

"On June 26, 1941, he was given the task of flying two civilian film-makers from 20th Century Fox, Otto Kanturek and Jack Parry in an Avro

Anson, so they could shoot an RAF formation for the film "A Yank in the RAF" starring Tyrone Power. "The plan was to film two Hurricanes. They took off from RAF Coltishall. My grandfather's Avro Anson took off from RAF Bircham."

"We don't know what the weather was like on the day, but we do know that they took off at around midday and there was a collision at 2,000 feet."

"The Avro Anson went into an 'upside-down flat-spin' and all on board were killed."

Ernest was just 24 years old. A year earlier he had married Edith, who passed away giving birth to Jennifer - Danny's mum - two months after her husband's death.

Jennifer was adopted by family friends.

At the time of the crash Mr Kanturek was 44, and Mr Parry believed to be in his early 40s. It is thought the pilot of the Hurricane survived.

On Saturday, June 7, Danny, Helen and Rhiannon met the descendants of the two other victims of the collision at the crash site near Mingay Farm, off Holt Road, Cawston.

Danny said: "My mother, Jennifer sent 'A Yank in the RAF' was released by 20th Century Fox and starred two of Hollywood's biggest stars of the 40s Tyrone Power and Betty Grable. It is still shown on TV from time to time."

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## Staff complete the 24 hour 'Three Peaks Challenge' for charity



**Peter Alan staff Janice Walker, Melanie Barclay, Rhian Taylor and Sarah John during the Three Peaks Challenge.**

**FOUR staff members from south Wales' largest estate agency Peter Alan have successfully completed the Welsh Three Peaks Challenge, in aid of Cancer Research Wales.**

The team from the Bridgend and Victoria Park Cardiff branches of Peter Alan climbed the three highest peaks in north, mid and south Wales in just 24 hours in order to raise over £1,500 for Cancer Research Wales, Peter Alan's Charity of the Year.

Janice Walker, Bridgend branch manager, said: "The Three Peaks was challenging for us. We started climbing Snowdon at dusk, followed by Cader Idris and then we headed back to south Wales where we tackled Pen y Fan. It

was really tough but we all felt such a sense of achievement when we stood at the top of

the final peak after having raised so much money for Cancer Research Wales."

## Supermarket staff helping out Macmillan

**STAFF at Filco Supermarkets, including Spar Llantwit Major, Plaza Toymaster and RB's have been raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.**

The staff, in stores across south Wales, have raised £2,500 so far and will be continuing their support of Macmillan for the next year.

Matthew Hunt, director at Filco Supermarkets, said: "We are pleased and proud to be able to support such a worthwhile and valued organisation as Macmillan Cancer Support. All of us at Filco look forward to

working with Macmillan to achieve their goal of raising awareness and money to continue their work."

"We have plans to once again enter a team into the Cardiff Half Marathon."

Rebecca Parke, the Macmillan fundraising manager, said: "We are really pleased that the team at Filco Supermarkets have been raising money and awareness for Macmillan Cancer Support within their communities."

For more information on Macmillan please visit [macmillan.org.uk](http://macmillan.org.uk) or contact 0300 1000 200.

## A chaplain's role in the modern Navy

**IN June, Merthyr Mawr WI president Margaret Batten welcomed Rev Michael Wishart, a retired Naval Chaplain, the speaker for the evening.**

He joined the Royal Navy in 1976 as a chaplain and has spent a life alternating between country parishes and the navy. He introduced his talk with a brief history of Britain and the growth of sea power.

As an island nation, the sea has always been important to our country for exploration, trade and defence. The growth of the Navy really started in Tudor times when a lot of looting of Spanish treasure took place.

This was followed by a period of exploration with Francis Drake and then a development of sea power for defence purposes. During this time the chaplain's role was brought into being

and regularised.

A short video demonstrated the role of the chaplaincy today. The modern day Navy is much reduced in size, but chaplains still do the same job of ministering the sacraments of marriage, baptism and burial. They have close contact with the crew and much of their work is pastoral. The chaplains cater for all faiths and ensure all are able to observe their faith. It was an interesting, delightful talk with many very humorous anecdotes.

Fifteen members attended the link meeting hosted by Colwynist WI. They were entertained by a delightful barber shop quartet and all enjoyed an excellent buffet.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 2 at Corntown Community Hall, when the topic for the evening will be 'My daughter's Turkish wedding'.

New members are always welcome.

## Outing to Roman villa

**THERE are still half a dozen seats available on the coach trip organised by the Llantwit Major Local History Society to Chedworth Roman Villa and Cirencester. It will provide an opportunity to visit one of the largest Roman villas in the UK, before going on to Cirencester where there will be an option to have a guided tour of the town.**

The visit to Chedworth is particularly appropriate as there will be a talk on the Llantwit villa during the coming lecture season. The trip will take place on Wednesday, July 2 departing from Llantwit Major station

at 8.30am.

The cost will be £20 per person or £12 for members of the National Trust. Tickets will be available at the Archive Room on Friday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm.

There will also be an evening trip to Llancafan Church on Thursday, June 26 and NOT Wednesday, June 25 as previously advertised. This will depart by car from Llantwit Major Town Hall car park at 6pm.

Places are extremely limited so members of the society are asked to contact 01446 796173, if they wish to go.





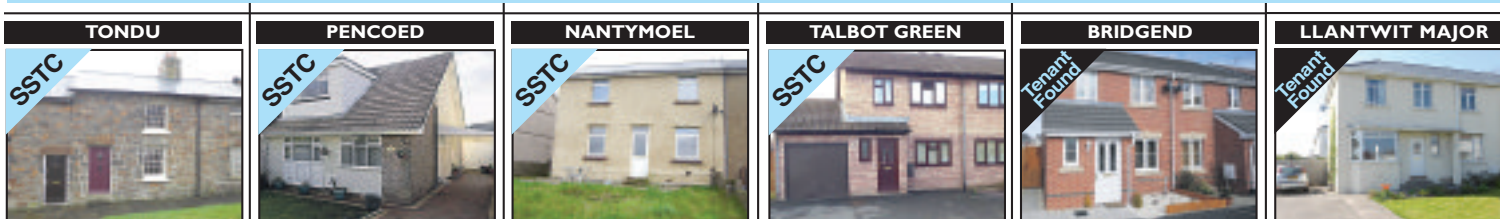
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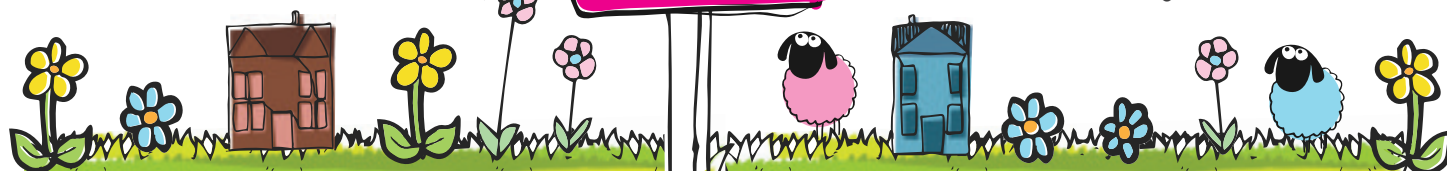
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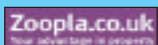
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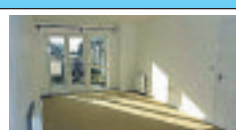
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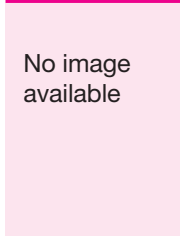
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# STRONG WINDS MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR TEAMS ON LIONS' CHARITY GOLF DAY

## PHOTOGRAPHS by MALCOLM NUGENT

LAST Friday (June 6) the annual Porthcawl Lions charity golf match took place at the Grove Golf Club.

A windy day resulted in 170 lost balls and a delayed finish to the event.

However, a total of £2,000 was raised by the event and cheques were presented to Prostate Cymru (received by Mr Andrew Thomas, consultant at Princess of Wales Hospital) and The Sandville (received by Gwyneth Poacher).

The presentations were made by Mr Larry Pearce, the president of Porthcawl Lions Club.

Also present was Coun David Newton Williams the deputy mayor of Porthcawl.

The winning team was Darlow Lloyd Construction, and in second were MES2. In third place were the Comancheros and in fourth were a team representing the Glaze Cymru charity.



ABOVE: The winning team from Darlow Lloyd Construction.



Larry Pearce (right) with the winner of the longest drive.



The Sandville receive their cheque.



Representatives of Prostate Cymru receive their cheque.



ABOVE: In third place were 'The Comancheros'.



ABOVE:  
In fourth place  
were a team  
representing  
Glaze Cymru..

RIGHT:  
The runners-up  
were the team  
from MES2.



## MP hears concerns about lack of women engineers

PICTURED:  
(left to right) Steve Miles, Madeleine Moon, Ian Pearson and Mark Thomas.

BRIDGEND MP Madeleine Moon has met new plant manager Ian Pearson at the Bridgend Ford Plant, the biggest employer in the private sector in the Bridgend constituency, who explained the changes occurring at the plant.

The plant opened in 1980 and now employs over 2,300 employees, manufacturing petrol engines.

The MP commented: "One statistic that totally amazed me was that a petrol engine is manufactured every 22 seconds at the plant. Their electricity bill is around £10million per year, which will be helped out by their new wind turbine due to be in situ by August/September supplying 6 per cent of their energy.

"A job at Ford's is keenly sought after locally and when the latest apprenticeship opportunities were advertised they received over 400

applications, including from India and Belgium.

"I was interested to hear about their concern over lack of female engineers and the need for action to be taken to bring more women into engineering and technology careers. Only 9 per cent of the UK's engineering workforce are female.

"In May 2014, the Women in Engineering Compact was launched, and Ford are actively demonstrating the attractiveness of technical careers to women, by developing an outreach programme at local schools to speak to female students."



## Football charity opens

FOOTBALL Awareness in Depression Community (FADFC) has recently set up a branch in Wales under the guidance of Kelly Hall and it has linked in with Bridgend Disabled FC.

FADFC is a charity which supports footballers with a mental health problem around the UK.

On Saturday, June 14, FADFC is launching its first Mental Health World

Cup in Sheffield and Kelly Hall is taking her team from Bridgend to fly the flag for Wales in this prestigious event.

The Welsh branch has just opened in Bridgend and offers footballers with mental health and other disabilities the opportunity of playing football.

For more details, visit [www.fadfc.org.uk](http://www.fadfc.org.uk) or email [fadfcwales@outlook.com](mailto:fadfcwales@outlook.com)



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## Pencoed RFC hold their annual presentation night



**PENCOED RFC held their annual presentation night at the clubhouse, the evening consisting of both 1st XV and Youth section awards.**

Recipients were as follows;

First XV - player of the year - Kieron Moore; coaches' player of the year - Kieron Moore; top try scorer (18) - Glen Hiscocks;

most improved player - Ashley Halse; most promising player - Adam Williams; top points scorer - Marc Davies; captain's cup - Marc Davies; captain's cup/2nd XV - Gary Money; clubman of the year - Gwyn Morgan.

Youth section - player of the year - Rhys Bargery; coaches' player of the year - Rhys Bargery; most promising player - Liam Parrish; clubman of the year - Jamie Dyer;



most improved player - Owain Clarke; captain's cup - Connor Jones.

Pencoed RFC will be captained in 2014/15 by prop forward Kieron Moore, the squad under the new coaching team of Alan Cattle, Aaron Halse and Gary Refell - the club wish them every success. Training will commence on Tuesday, July 8.

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## Double delight for Scorpions' teams!

**IT took 342 days and 16 consecutive defeats but finally South Wales Scorpions have won a competitive match at first team level.**

Last week the Scorpions came away with a disappointing two point defeat, but this, their first win of the season, wasn't even close. Scorpions dominated from virtually start to finish as London Skolars put in a very poor day at the office, losing 46-18 at home to the rampant Welsh.

On their first real attack of the game, Matt Wilcox stormed over the line after only five minutes to give Scorpions the lead. Emanuelli converted.

Skolars forced a goal-line drop-out and from the resulting set, Will Lovell ran over but former Scorpion Courtney Davies missed the kick.

Scorpions extended their lead on the quarter hour after a well worked set when Mike Connor forced his way past the Skolars pack. Emanuelli goaled to make the score 12-4.

The third came on 19 minutes when an unmarked Kyle Scrivens couldn't believe his luck as he calmly caught the ball to ground in the corner. Emanuelli converted well from the touchline to make it 18-4.

There should have been a fourth. Again unmarked, Scrivens caught Wilcox's forward pass to go over but the referee rightfully disallowed the

try. Skolars had their chances. After missing a goal-kick, Davies should have had a try back against his former side but dropped the ball as diving for the line. But they did eventually get over the line when Mufaro Mvududu did well to stretch out under pressure. Davies missed the kick.

He didn't miss the next conversion nine minutes after the interval, after hooker Martyn Smith evaded a number of players to sneak his way under the sticks.

May's Championship 1 player of the month Connor Farrer looked to join the party but was held up over the line 10 minutes into the second half in his first real chance to score.

The Welsh scored from their next attack. Some excellent play 10 metres out led to Greg Wilde setting up Chris Vitalini to score under the sticks. No problems for Emanuelli to convert and the Scorpions went 24-14 up.

A stunning try from Emanuelli followed as he chip kicked and successfully chased twice to score under the posts and easily converted before Crusaders loanee Greg Wilde sealed the win with 16 minutes to go and Emanuelli converted again to put Scorpions 36-14 up.

Nothing was going right for the Skolars. Iliess Macani dived over the line to potentially get a try back but he dropped the ball at the last second.

Mike Connor dived over to

rub salt into Skolars' wounds. Emanuelli missed but Scorpions weren't finished yet. Farrer added his customary try and Emanuelli converted to make the score 46-14.

To cap a poor performance for the Londoners, Mvududu must be credited for unchallenged dropped ball number three for Skolars as they blew another chance when running in for a try two minutes from the end. The last word did go to the Skolars as Lovell fought his way over for this second of the game. Davies missed again as his old club celebrated an outstanding victory.

**LONDON SKOLARS 0 SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS UNDER-19S 40**

**South Wales Scorpions under-19s consolidated their position at the top of the Championship South under-19 league as they delivered a stunning performance at London Skolars on Saturday afternoon, charging to a 40-0 win.**

The Welsh were excellent in both attack and defence as they stopped everything that a determined Skolars threw at them, while scoring seven excellent tries.

Connor Davies scored the first for Scorpions on eight minutes following a scrum. Ben Jones converted. There was almost a second try straight

away but Marcus Webb was pushed into touch as he was going for the line.

Skolars were forceful in attack but great defending stopped four potential Skolars tries, two chances coming from goal-line drop-outs they forced as they put Scorpions to the sword. Gethyn Lloyd was the major star, stopping two of them with well taken catches, doing similar with another opportunity in the second half.

Wiry winger James Taylor scored Scorpions' second on 22 minutes with Ben Jones converting again while after a well worked set, Dan Maiden crashed over for the third. Jones' kick hit the post in his only miss of the day.

A yellow card didn't help matters for Skolars a few minutes before the break and the Welsh took advantage with Connor Davies scoring his second of the day and Scorpions' fourth, to make it 22-0 at half-time.

It took nine minutes of the second half for the Scorpions to add to their tally. Joe Festa dived over and Jones converted. Jones added the sixth just after the hour with the try of the day - a 70 metre try stepping a few on the way before converting himself.

Dan Maiden scored the seventh and final try six minutes before the end after a good set of six following a scrum.

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## YOUTH PLAYERS RECEIVE CAPS



**LEE Williams and Lewis Courtney are presented with their Boys Clubs of Wales Caps by former Welsh international scrum half Raymond Giles at the Kenfig Hill/Cornelly youth annual presentation night.**

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## Wave scheme launches with a massive splash!



**VOLUNTEERS from across Wales ran a free surfing lesson in Porthcawl for 25 disadvantaged young people at the launch of Wave Project Cymru!**

The event at Rest Bay in Porthcawl was hailed a big success both by volunteers and children who took part. Based at Porthcawl, Wave Project Cymru will help young people gain confidence and resilience through surfing.

It is based on an approach pioneered by

The Wave Project, a Cornwall-based organisation that uses volunteers to provide free surfing lessons for disadvantaged young people.

The free surf day was aimed at young people who are working with professional services, such as child and adolescent mental health services, SEN teachers or social services. They were supported by 30 local surfers who all volunteered their time for free.

Wave Project Cymru coordinator Claire Cressey said she hoped

to roll the project out to provide a series of six-week surf courses for the children who took part.

She said: "It was an awesome day and a fantastic experience for all the children. We are now targeting some funding to be able to roll the project out across south Wales and deliver a series of free sessions for local children."

"The evidence from The Wave Project's courses elsewhere has shown that a six week surfing course helps young people build confidence and self esteem, and improves emotional resiliency."

"These are all important factors in good mental health, which we believe all children deserve to have."

Wave Project Cymru was created through a merger with 'Making Waves Wales', a not for profit group, which has been delivering surf sessions for children in care.

Wave Project chief executive Joe Taylor said: "I'm delighted the launch of Wave Project Cymru has gone so well and look forward to seeing a successful community surf project created here in south Wales."

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## Bridgend Bridge Club

**THE results for Bridgend Bridge Club for recent events are:**

Wednesday, June 4 - first Irene Thomas and Graham Jones; second John Beard and Liam Sheridan; third Ray Smith and John Evans.

Friday, June 6 - first, John Hanson and Terry Dolan; second Tony Disley and John Evans; third Graham Jones and John Wateley.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesdays and Fridays at Noltan Church Hall at 7pm. We try to start at 7pm so it helps if people arrive at least 10 minutes

early. On Thursdays from 2pm to 5pm, also at Noltan Church Hall, there are gentle bridge sessions for the less experienced where assistance is readily available.

The best placed improvers for June 5 were Norma Phinmore, Susan Hunt, Arthur Harvey, Stuart Davies and Colin Lewis.

A new series of bridge lessons is planned for the autumn and those interested should contact John Evans on 01656 880372 in order to register their interest.

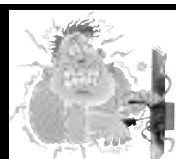
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### LICENSING ACT 2003

#### Section 34

#### Notice of Application to Vary a Premises Licence

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Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below: Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

Name of applicant: David & Ellen Baker. Name and postal address of the premises: The Walnut Tree, 110 Piggish Street, Kenfig Hill, CF33 6DA.

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### BLICK

#### Vivian Archer (Viv) (Postman)

Peacefully on June 7th, loving husband of Margaret, much loved father of Cheryl and the late Denise, father-in-law of David, loving grampy of Amy, Naithan and Gabrielle. Great grandfather of Jake and Zack. He will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Wednesday, June 18th at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation, Greater London House, 180 Hampstead Road, London, NW1 7AW.

### EDWARDS

#### Malcolm

Malcolm (formerly of Timbersgreen Garden Centre, Llangan) passed away peacefully on 29th May 2014 in his adopted home town of Nenagh, County Tipperary, Southern Ireland.

He is sadly missed by his loving wife Rita and all his family. *Nos da cariad cysgwch yn dda.*

## OAKLEY Linda Eileen

Peacefully at home with her family, Linda, loving wife of the late Glyn, much loved mother of David, William, Anthony and the late Ann.

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Funeral service at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Monday, June 16 at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations in lieu to Diabetes UK Central Office, Macleod House, 10 Parkway, London, NW1 7AA or British Heart Foundation, Greater London House, 180 Hampstead Road, London, NW1 7AW.

### ROBINSON

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Funeral Service at noon on Monday, 16th June at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major and afterwards at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.45pm. This will be followed by a reception at Llanmaes Village Hall.

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### HUTCHINGS

#### Robert

Peacefully on 9th June after a long illness, Robert (Bob), aged 76 years of Milsom House, previously of Crawshaw Drive, Llantwit Major. Dearly loved husband of Barbara, loved father of Paul, Julie, Nicola, Joanne and father-in-law of Liz, Adrian, Andy and Stuart; cherished grandfather of Charlotte, Thomas and Ellen.

Bob will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Resting at AG Adams & Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Thursday, 19th June Service in the chapel at 1.15pm, afterwards cremation at Barry Crematorium on 2.15pm.

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## DAVIS Florance Eileen

Peacefully on Friday 1st June at College Fields Nursing Home, Barry, Florance aged 99 years, formerly of Boverton, Llantwit Major. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

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# A good year for the Imps!

CADOXTON IMPS have enjoyed a marvellous 2013/14 season at all levels, especially at the junior age groups.

The year-7 Imps won the league title after a dramatic 1-0 play-off win against Sully Sports at Sully Sports' ground.

The year-8 side finished a creditable seventh after starting the season not knowing if they would have enough players to start the campaign.

The year-9 Dragons won the league title and completed the season undefeated, while the year-9 Devils finished in fourth place. At year-10 age group, the Bees ended the season as runners-up to Sully Sports by three points, while the Imps finished the season in fifth position after a very difficult season.

In the junior cups, the year-7 Imps made it to the final and lost narrowly to Sully Sports 1-2, while the year-9 Dragons also lost in the delayed final to Llantwit Major 1-3, with the year-10 Bees also making the final and, again, losing to Sully Sports by the score of 1-2. The year-9 Devils and year-10 Imps also made the semi-finals, where they were unfortunately drawn to play against their counterparts.

With regards to the mini teams, all the teams we had this season had a very successful and enjoyable season with some great football being played by all sides. The Imps' senior side are currently in a period of transformation and with new manager Gareth Evans in charge things are starting to look up. They finished 10th in the league which is a significant improvement on last season and you have to consider that the side had a lot of 16-year-old players playing senior football for the first time.

The club will be holding its end of season presentation evening at the Island Sports and Social Club on Sunday, June 22. Doors will be open at 2.30pm and proceedings will start at 3pm with the mini football teams.

A kit will be provided as will indoor training facilities and training equipment, and obviously training and match footballs.

Manager/coach training will also be paid for by the club as any manager or coach new to football will have to undergo a DBS check and have to hold a Football Leaders Award with a first aid certificate, but the club will pay for these courses if required.

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The Imps' end of season raffle will be drawn at this presentation at around 5.30pm. The main prize will be a 40" TV donated by Lyndon Smith of LDS Motors, followed by the second prize of a limo ride to and from Illyd 216 restaurant with a £50 voucher towards a meal donated by AG Adams & Sons.

The third prize is £50 worth of McDonald's food vouchers and we are also hoping to have a signed Wales shirt from Aaron Ramsey as another raffle prize to go along with numerous other minor prizes.

Raffle tickets are priced at £1 each (£5 for a book of five) and all Imps managers and committee members can be contacted if any are required.

**SEASON 2014/15**  
The Imps are always looking to strengthen their teams and if anyone is interested in becoming an Imp then please contact any of the managers or committee members.

We are especially looking for players at year-9 and 10 this season in particular, but any players from any ages are welcome.

We are also currently looking for new or established teams at the following year levels as we do not have any in place for the coming season - years 5, 6 and 7. We would welcome any established or new teams at these age groups and please remember that the year-5 and 6 age groups are mini football, while the year-7 would be junior football.

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## THE ATHLETIC FALL FOUL OF WEATHER

BARRY ATHLETIC Cricket Club had all their games last weekend called off due to the adverse weather conditions.

So far this season, the 1st XI have only completed two games, albeit two wins, with the 2nd XI completing three games; the Sunday XI have not yet played a game.

This weekend the 1st XI are away to Rogerstone, with the 2nd XI at home to the same opponents; the Sunday XI are away to Miskin Manor.

Thursday night is junior training night and all juniors aged between seven and 15 are welcome to join in. MR



# Llantwit duo box clever to force wins

**TWO** boxers from Llantwit Major ABC took part in a show recently, when youth prospect Ryan Hughes made it two out of two in a week.

He beat Owen Lewis from St Josephs ABC on May 24 in Newport and Cory Price of Bridgend ABC on Friday, May 30 in Caerphilly.

The show, hosted by Penaber ABC, saw some very competitive bouts, and Ryan's was no exception.

He started fast, using his long jab to full effect, scoring with good clean shots as Price tried to use his 2kg weight advantage to force his way forwards.

Ryan produced his best performance to date by using all of his skills to keep his tough opponent away. He won the first two rounds clearly, the third saw him tire a bit, allowing Price to get up close and make the third round



Nicky Cox and Ryan Hughes.

very close.

The judges awarded the victory to the Llantwit boxer on a majority decision which took his record to seven wins from 10 bouts.

Next on was light heavyweight Nicky Cox of St Athan, who was boxing Jason Campbell of Penaber ABC. This was the second time the two boxers had met; the first was a points win for Cox. This time, Nicky decided to start faster and take control from the start, using three and four punch

combinations.

Campbell was never allowed to get into the bout, but did connect with a good right hand. That's when Nicky decided enough was enough!

In the second round, he went into with all guns blazing.

He caught Campbell with a few heavy flurries forcing referee Tony Collins to stop the bout after the Penaber lad's legs had gone, and he was unable to continue.

MD

## Nick's Tiverton winner

**NICK** Williams, riding Mr M J McMahon's five-year-old bay gelding Kylemore Lough, landed the open maiden race at the Tiverton Stagbouds Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Bratton Down last Sunday.

The lightly raced Kylemore Lough, who is qualified with the Tredegar Farmers Hunt, is trained by Williams at Ogmor-by-Sea and went off a 7-2 chance.

One of Wales' most prolific point-to-pointers, Findlay's Find, who earlier this season won the classic Lady Dudley Cup at the Worcestershire

Hunt, could only manage third place in the men's open race.

### LONG TRIP PAYS OFF

Falcarragh, trained by Tim Vaughan in the Vale, made the long trip to Perth in Scotland last weekend and landed Sunday's Subsea Novices' Chase.

Well ridden by Richard Johnson, seven-year-old Falcarragh, a 5-1 chance, scored by one-and-a-half lengths from the strongly fancied Midnight Game, partnered by champion jockey A P Mc Coy.

BRIAN LEE

## THE VALE'S WINNING RUN ENDS

**VALE** 1sts' winning run came to an end in disappointing fashion at Ponthir.

On a rain affected day when few fixtures escaped the poor weather, this match was reduced to 39 overs per side following a delayed start with parts of the outfield extremely wet.

Having lost the toss it came as no surprise that Vale were asked to bat in the damp conditions. Vale made slow progress before losing JP Davies with the score on 19 and two further wickets fell by the time the score had reached 34.

Stand-in skipper Paul Sheppard and Matthew Gilbert rallied and put together a 30 run partnership before Sheppard was caught at mid wicket for 18.

With Gilbert playing the anchor role another two quick wickets fell as Vale tried to accelerate the run rate which left the score at 75 for 6 after 26 overs.

Mark Francis joined Gilbert and these two put on the highest partnership of the innings 36 to take Vale past the hundred. Francis acting as the aggressor hit two sixes in a quick fire 23 but departed stumped in the 34th over.

Gilbert resistance was finally broken in the 37th over as he was last man out for 31 leaving

Vale 132 all out. G Aolam's off spin returned fine figures of 6-29 off eight overs for Ponthir.

With the ground drying and a small total to defend Vale needed to start well but ultimately turned in a poor bowling and fielding performance. Vale conceded 37 extras including 31 wides and combined with a number of fielding errors, were the architects of their own downfall.

However, Vale did manage to pick up three bowling points thanks to taking four wickets. Upham assisted by Billy Yates at square leg, Francis hitting the timbers, Yates inducing an edge to Sheppard at slip and the cool head of Gilbert engineering a run out.

However, opening bat Sanetti (41) and number 4 A Barkit (31) laid the foundation for Ponthir to reach their target without ever looking in danger of losing.

Vale's bowling figures were O Pike 5-1-17-0, D Upham 8-2-35-1, M Francis 3-0-13-1, JJ Davies 7-5-1-32-0 and B Yates 7-0-30-1.

Vale will need to improve greatly from this showing when they take on Cardiff Ghyrnanna at Cornthorn this week to keep their promotion hopes on track.

MF

## A presentation caps Gwennan's success!



**IT** was a very proud moment the Welsh national squad) and for Llantwit Major footballer, Jayne Ludlow (under-16s Gwennan Davies, when she Welsh coach) at St Pierre, was presented with her under-16 School Girls Welsh cap by Chris Coleman (manager of fixtures during the 2012-2013 season.

The cap represented Gwennan's participation in five international fixtures during the 2012-2013 season.

## The Cottrell Park ladies enjoy a glamorous day!

**AFTER** months of planning the day finally arrived; 35 ladies arrived on time at the clubhouse to be driven to the Vale Golf Club in Bishampton, Worcestershire.

The weather looked promising but, alas, by the time we stood on the first tee it had changed to rain. Luckily we had little wind and our umbrellas were a blessing. The course was well received by the ladies and would have been ideal in better conditions.

An enthusiastic bunch completed the course, for which the captain was

very grateful, and after what seemed an age everyone returned to the clubhouse.

Many bedraggled ladies entered the changing room but, as if by magic, 35 ladies were transformed into glamorous 'film stars'!

After an enjoyable meal the presentations took place. Helen Little took the title of Miss Button with a score of 33 points and the runner-up was Jenny Knott with 31 points.

The team competition was won by Helen Little, Tina Morgan and Jen Thomas. The longest

drive 0-26 division was shared by Carole Duncanson and Sandra Collin (we couldn't split them) and the 27-36 division was won by Lorraine Pointon-Bell. Nearest the pin was won by Helen Little, congratulations Helen. A good day's golfing under difficult conditions.

The journey home went like a dream and we are planning to enter several ladies into Britain's Got Talent next year!

Many thanks ladies, looking forward to the next event already!

JC

## Bowlers edge a tense encounter

**LLANTWIT** MAJOR bowlers played their first league match of the season on Saturday when they visited Fair Oak (Cardiff); in a very tense ending, Llantwit came away with a one shot win.

Steve Booker's rink drew 17-17. Llantwit held the lead right up to the last end with Fair Oak winning the last two ends to tie the game. This was all down to Fair Oak skip who, end after end, when Llantwit were holding a number of shots, came in with his last bowl to either cut down or win the end.

Graham Jones' rink lost 18-34; Llantwit were up against from the start being 13 shots down after six ends. Llantwit kept plugging away, winning a number of ends to reduce the deficit.

Neville Young's rink won 31-6; Llantwit were ahead by 15 shots after

only eight ends, as the rink of John Ball, Tony Thomas, and captain Eric Sparks combined well, with one of them putting in a good bowl on each end to deny Fair Oak when they were holding shot; Llantwit won all but four ends.

Arthur Hayes rink lost 13-22. Llantwit won the first end then lost the next six ends, then came back, scoring six shots over the next three ends.

With all the other rinks having finished the match hung on a knife edge; Llantwit scored one on the penultimate end to make the scores level.

On the final end Llantwit's lead Kyle Garrison put in a fine bowl which Fair Oak could not match to give Llantwit a one shot win overall.

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# DAN IS THE MAN AT THE 'HOME OF GOLF'!

The monthly meeting of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held recently at Cottrell Park Golf Club, a venue rapidly becoming recognised by many as the true 'home of golf'.

Played on the rapidly maturing Button course with its magnificent 360 degree views overlooking the award winning village of Pendoylan and up to the Brecon Beacons in the north, Avon and the second Severn crossing to the east, Somerset and Devon coastline to the south and beautiful Lillyput woods to the west, followed with a superb evening meal, it is not surprising to report those in attendance

thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Competing for the Shrievel Trophy, presented to the society by the late Mr Islwyn Rees to commemorate his time as High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan, just one shot separated the first three places, although it was not surprising to see the name of Dan Jarvis at the top of the leaderboard at the conclusion of play.

Playing on a course that he looks after on a daily basis as a green keeper, and which incidentally was in superb condition, Dan's superior back nine was good enough to see off the challenge of Dai John both finishing with a net 73.

Mention must be made of the supreme effort of Dai John in finishing runner up as his lack of understanding and desire

for playing medal rounds is well documented. In third place with a net 73 was Mike Lee followed in fourth place with a net 79 by Aubrey Bowen, who recently celebrated spending 50 golden years with his adored wife Maureen.

Nearest the pin on the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant-sponsored par 3 holes were John Thomas, Aubrey Bowen, Dan Jarvis and Robbie Llewellyn, who was making his debut as a society member, following his elevation from the PIGS Golf Society.

The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge-sponsored longest drive on the 14th hole was won by Dan Jarvis, and Dai John returned home with the Premier Turf-sponsored bottle of whiskey when correctly guessing 35 balls would rest in peace spread over this peaceful location. In the section for guests, John Thomas finished just ahead of Ron Chamberlain.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 27, when members will gather for an early departure to Minchinhampton to compete for the Payton, Jewell & Caine's International Classic trophy, with prizes supplied by sponsor Mr John Caines.

Finally, congratulations to two young golfers with

strong family connections to the Farmers' Society, and both former junior members of Cottrell Park Golf Club.

Katie Bradbury, grand-daughter of life member Gwyn Evans, whose idea back in 1985 resulted in the formation of the society, recently became the Welsh ladies' matchplay champion, and also to Rhidian Harris, son of society treasurer David Harris.

After driving the green on the famous 310 yard, par 4 10th hole on the Brabazon course at The Belfry, Rhidian sank a putt from 35 feet to

record an amazing eagle to emulate the great but sadly now departed Seve Ballesteros, who will long be remembered for his famous birdie at the same hole during the 1989 Ryder Cup.

Quarterfinal draw for The Nipper Jewell Knock Out Trophy -

Dan Jarvis (7) v Gareth Perkins (17); Geraint Davies (13) v Griff Morgan (13); Keith Davies (16) v Keith James (15); Mike Lee (14) v Chris Rooney (14). Matches to be played by June 27.

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Winning golfers John Thomas and Dan Jarvis with sponsor Mark Rees and society captain Mike King.

## Home Munro loss for Cadoxton bowlers

ON a very wet evening, a Munro Cup match was played at Cadoxton against Penarth.

The outcome was a win for the visitors with the only success for the home side skipped by Derek Brook.

Scores: G Powell, I Heppenstall, P Swannick, H Craven 5-25 P Davies, N Thomas, B Lewis, D Dalby; S Clements, A Field, R Byrne, I Robertson 5-27 M England, R Birkby, B Hill, D Clements; A Prince, J Ferguson, G Davies, D Brook 13-9 G Rosser, D Edwards, G Thomas, N Chandler; E Heppenstall, J Stacey, R Byrne, J Jones 10-21 B Lansly, R Grant, H Trow, C Grant. Final score: 33-82.

Cadoxton v Ystrad Mynach - ML4 Cadoxton were the hosts

to Ystrad Mynach, on a fine afternoon, for the opening game in a ML4. The outcome was a narrow defeat with two winning rinks and two losing.

Unfortunately Howard Craven became ill halfway through the game and had to finish playing.

As there were no available reserves to replace him the game finished with the away side holding a seven-shot advantage.

Don Kuhnell's rink were eight shots down without scoring after four ends. However a four on the next brought them back into the game and on the 10th end they went one shot in front.

They lost the next two ends but then took over, completing

the game without conceding another shot.

Kelvin Chedgzy trailed for most of the game on his rink. They did briefly take the lead on the 13th end by one shot, but relinquished it by losing the next three.

Nevertheless they fought their way back with four wins out of the five last ends, including a six on the penultimate end to claim another two points.

John Jones had a terrible time on his rink. With the scores tied after six ends, the next 11 were lost.

A mini recovery of three winning ends brought them to within one shot of the match aggregate, but sadly a three was conceded to lose the match overall by four shots.

Scores: R Cole, I Robertson, D Brook, H Craven 9-16; P

Swannick, G Garland, P Ellis, K Chedgzy 24-18; J Stacey, D Evans, G Davies, D Kuhnell 26-12; D Tuck, L Davies, D Jeffries, J Jones 8-25. Final score: 67-71.

Cadoxton 'A' v Ely - ML5

Cadoxton 'A' side travelled to Cardiff for this ML5 match against Ely with a very inexperienced side, and four players short.

Playing with a man short on each rink they were well beaten.

Scores: S Clements, A Prince, A Turner 3-39; E Heppenstall, K McMahon, D Fanning 3-34; R Byrne, I Heppenstall, D Hammond 12-32; A Field, J Ferguson, A Carpenter 7-31. Final score: 25-136.

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# DAVID'S DELIGHT AT DINAS!

ON a glorious sunny evening, a new winner of the Spire-sponsored Dinas Powis Open emerged when David Harding of Penylan B.C. overcame two times previous winner Neil Collett of St Fagans B.C. in a pulsating final, 21-20.

The semi-finals set the scene for an evening of high quality bowling, David Harding overcoming the challenge of Dinas Powis bowler Clive Todd 21-13 in a fascinating match, which saw Todd leading 13-5 after 12 ends only to be overhauled at 18 ends. Harding went on to win by 21 shots to 13.

In the other semi-final Neil Collett played Andrew Jones of the Merthyr West End Bowling Club. Collett went ahead early on and was never overhauled by Jones.

This was despite Jones coming back from a 7-14 deficit to reach 13-14 after 17 ends. Collett eventually eased to a 21-14 win to secure his place in the final.

The spectators were treated to 23 ends of high class bowling and the

result could have gone either way, but Harding just managed to cross the finishing line in one of the closest fought finals in recent years.

It was Harding who made the early start with some fine drawing bowls, edging in front at six shots to two after five ends. In the next five ends he continued his early form to lead 11 shots to 4.

As expected, Collett found his form, and with some great bowling drew level after 18 ends, at 15 shots each.

Harding picked up an excellent four on the 20th end to lead 20-15. Not to be outdone, Collett then scored a 2 and a 3 to draw level at 20-20.

In the final end Harding's drawing bowl proved to be decisive and he deservedly won the game and with it the coveted Welsh Open Championship.

Dinas Powis Bowling Club is as always grateful to Spire Cardiff Hospital for their continued support of this prestigious tournament and look forward to many more years of partnership.

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## Sully Centurions exit Welsh Cup

AFTER seeing both first and second XI matches rained off on Saturday, Sully Centurions hosted Pentwyn CC in a rearranged Welsh Cup match on Sunday that was affected by a long delay for rain towards the end of the Pentwyn innings.

The visitors batted first and had reached 10 when Jake Griffith struck twice in the 5th over. First Tom Pascoe and then wicket keeper Ben Spear held onto catches to dismiss both openers.

Nathan Cuddihy continued the excellent work with the wickets of Harries (LBW) and Beacham (brilliantly caught by Tom Davies) to leave Pentwyn on 28 for 4.

Nick Jones chipped in with another wicket, bowling White for 15 before skipper Lloyd Bruce had Jones caught by James Haswell for a duck.

But Hancock (46 not out) and Wall (29) put on 59 for the seventh wicket – giving Pentwyn some

much needed stability. Haswell trapped Danniell LBW for 0 and Pavel took the wickets of Jones and Court to leave the score on 136 for 9 in the 38th over when the heavens opened and play was suspended.

The last wicket also went to Pavel, coming only two balls after the resumption to leave Centurions with a target of 137.

Openers Pavel and Owain Sullivan started very well, Pavel surviving a first ball LBW appeal to reach 26 when he was bowled by Jones with the score on 39.

Nick Jones went without troubling the scorers and Tom Davies also went for 0 and Centurions found themselves on 40 for 3 after 10 overs. Then a huge collapse saw wicket after wicket fall until the innings finally came to an end on 71 in the 23rd over.

So, out of the cup but team spirit remains good and surely it is only a matter of time before the hard work begins to pay off for Centurions.

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## Vale boy is star performer at ice hockey event



PICTURED: Ben Morgan, Lewis Davis, Sam Smith, Bayley Harewood, Morgan Parsons and Carter Loyde.

**THE Cardiff Devils ice hockey club is delighted after a number of its DCF youngsters impressed at the recent EIHA Conference Weekend in Hull.**

The conference weekend is an end of season event where regional squads from around the UK compete over three days, showcasing the best junior players in the country at four different age groups.

The Cardiff Devils Juniors were pleased to have six players from the club involved with the South West Conference teams. The following players were selected: Morgan Parsons and Bayley Harewood (under-11s); Ben Morgan, Sam Smith and Carter Lloyd (under-13s); and Lewis Davies (under-15s).

A club spokesman said: "All the boys produced some excellent displays and really flew the Cardiff Devils flag proudly over the three day event."

The under-11s won the final on a penalty shootout, with Bayley Harewood scoring the first penalty, and Morgan Parsons recording two wins in

net on the way to the final.

The under-13s put in some impressive performances, with Carter Lloyd scoring several goals for the team, but they narrowly missed out on a place in the final, finishing third overall.

The under-15s South West team also won their age group, and Lewis Davies again performed well on the big stage, showing himself to be a real netminding prospect for the club in the future.

The spokesman continued: "The club is very proud to confirm that at the end of tournament awards, under-12s player Bayley Harewood was voted onto the under-11s All Star team, and was voted

MVP of the under-11s tournament, after several stunning displays that saw him help lead his team to the final and take that first penalty shot in an exciting final game.

"The Cardiff Devils and DCF would like to congratulate all the players who were selected to represent South West Conference, and would again like to say a huge well done to Bayley Harewood on his awards. We feel that this again shows the talent being developed through the hard work of so many volunteers working for the DCF each week."

Bayley also received the award of 'All Star' at the Sheffield ice hockey tournament on the weekend!

## A successful coffee morning for golfers!



**THE ladies of Brynhill Golf club organized a successful coffee morning for 61 home and away lady golfers.**

Lady captain Carole Bumford and her vice captain, Glynis Gould, and the committee all worked together to make such an enjoyable morning.

Many thanks also to June Sanderson, a

stalwart of these events, Julie the caterer, Cath behind the bar, Ian the greenkeeper, and lastly Arthur the starter.

£1,100 was raised for the charity 'Specialist Hearing Resource Base' at Cogan School. Daniel Downton, grandson of Doug and Carole Allen, came to present the prizes to the winners.

He has attended the unit for two terms and his speech has greatly improved.

Home winners were Shirley Lewis with 21 points, Jan Robertson 19 points and Sue Bounds with 16 points.

Away winners, all from the Vale of Glamorgan, were Dee Watkins 20 points, Rita Howells 17 points and Gill Evans 16 points.

*Pictured above are Shirley Lewis, Daniel, Sue Bounds and Jan Robertson.*

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## MILLWOOD BOWLING

**MILLWOOD travelled to Birchgrove for their first Division 3 game but were beaten by St Joseph's A by a margin of 71 shots to 78, only picking up four points by virtue of having two winning rinks.**

The game was played in some lovely sunshine, though it did threaten with a look of heavy rain to come, but luckily enough it stayed away.

After the first four ends, Millwood were leading by 16-7, but St Joseph's were leading after 10 ends by 25-40.

Millwood then picked up to be trailing by only four shots, 49-53, after the 15th end.

On the final end, St Joseph's A managed to hang on to their lead and won by a margin of seven shots.

The points score was Millwood 4, St Joseph's 'A' 14.

This Saturday Millwood entertain Rummy at home, so let's see if we can improve then. Thanks to St Joseph's for a close fought game.

With Millwood 'A' team winning by a margin of 23 shots, and winning on all four rinks, the home side took the maximum 14 points in the opening game of Division 5 against Barry Central.

It will be intriguing to see how the division ends up with the new format that is now due to take place for the beginning of next season.

All teams will be fighting to gain a good league finish to ensure that they do not drop down too many places.

Well done to Millwood 'A' for the win. Keep it up!

The next league game is away to Rummy 'A'.

## Cowbridge ladies have a good week!

**IT'S been a good week for Cowbridge Lady Bowlers, with two very good wins.**

First they beat Bridgend Municipal in a CCS match at home, winning 62-28, then playing away at Cadoxton in a league match, they had a very good and close win of 51 shots to 48.

In their match against Bridgend Municipal they won on all three rinks, with only the rink of Lynda Wilson, Diane Lloyd, Pat Davey and skip May Jones having a close game, winning 15-14. Diane Purnell, Dorothy Pritchard, Shirley Wilkinson and skip Jan Lewis had a big win, 30-9, and on the rink of Margaret Cooper, Lin Wallace, Sue Flower and skip Anne Jarvis, they won

17-5.

The win away at Cadoxton in the league was a really good win, with the ladies winning on two rinks and only losing on the rink with Helena Snelling, Pat Davey, Joy Woolford and skip Shirley Wilkinson, who lost 14-22.

On the two winning rinks, Lynda Wilson, Dorothy Pritchard, Kay Edwards and skip Joan Bradley won 18-11, and the rink with Diane Purnell, Caryl Davies, Diane Lloyd and skip Sue Flower won 19-15. Well done ladies!

The men's Munro Cup game away at Penarth Windsor was postponed because of heavy rain and will be played later in the season.

In their first league match in Division Two of the Cardiff and District League,

they lost 53-88 away to St Albans, losing on all four rinks, with only the rink of Clive Pritchard, Ron Woolford, Colin Wilson and skip Steve Dickens having a close game, only losing 17-18.

The rink of Mansel Davey, John Jones, Byron Richards and skip Dennis Snelling lost 14-20, and on the rink with Terry Dunsworth, Gerry Lloyd, Brian Williams and skip Norman Wilkinson, they lost 15-22.

However, on the rink of Roger Brewer, Mike Bradley, John Trott and skip Roger Barwick they lost heavily, 7-28.

The next league match is at home to Mountain Ash.

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## Good week for Romilly bowlers

**BARRY Romilly bowls Club had two games recently, a Munro Cup and an 'A' team SVLA game, but the club side were without a game for the second week running.**

**Munro Cup**  
IN the Munro Cup match, Romilly visited Barry Central on Wednesday, May 28, looking to continue their good start to the season. The 'Rom' started strongly and by the fifth end were ahead 20-7.

This trend continued and by the 10th end the score had moved on to 49-17 with the rink of Clive Tapscott, Des Bannister, Cyril Geen and skip Tony Freeman leading 17-0.

Freeman's rink continued to play well and won 25-3, with the rink of Clive Collins taking 16 shots in the last five ends to win comfortably by 32-6.

Mel Newman's rink also won comfortably by 20-8 with Bob Wyatt's rink edging out Tom Kaged's rink 17-14, giving Romilly a win by 94-31 and a further 14

league points. **SVLA Cup**  
**ROMILLY** 'A' entertained Millwood BC in an SVLA game in weather more in keeping with bowls than the rain of previous weeks.

Romilly began positively and were 22-13 ahead at five ends and were still in command 40-27 at halfway.

By the 15th end the 'Rom' had moved comfortably ahead 59-38, with the rinks of Des Bannister and Bryn Gough well ahead 22-10 and 22-6 respectively, with Tony Freeman's rink just shading Millwood's Tony Williams 17-15, and Bob Wyatt's rink down by six shots to Mike Williams.

Romilly continued their consistency on the rinks of Bannister, Gough and Freeman, all maintaining their form until the end, whereas Bob Wyatt's rink continued to struggle, finally succumbing to a 10 shot defeat 12-22. The final result was 84-60 and a 12-2 Romilly victory.

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# WELSH RUGBY FACING TOUGH TEST WITH THE SPRINGBOKS... AND ALSO ON TRIAL AT HOME

**W**HEN unfancied, injury-hit Wales run out to face mighty South Africa in Durban on Saturday, they will be hoping that Growthpoint, Kings Park, will prove to be an aptly-named venue for the still developing young squad to show they deserve to be ranked among the elite in world rugby – by claiming a big southern hemisphere scalp at last.

However, though it may be far from mission impossible, the tourists, minus their inspirational skipper Sam Warburton, and other major frontline stars like the metronomic points machine Leigh Halfpenny, know they face a truly herculean task in the first of their two tests on the mini tour.

The statistics and the odds against them are inescapable: the Springboks have triumphed in 25 out of the 27 matches played since they first met 108 years ago, at St Helens, Swansea, on December 1, 1906, when the

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home side lost 0-11. Altogether, South Africa have amassed a total of 739 points against Wales' 382, averaging about 27 points per match – culminating in the 24-15 win in last year's autumn clash at the Millennium Stadium.

Throughout those long years, successive Wales teams have managed only a 6-6 draw on January 24, 1970 at the National Stadium, Cardiff, and the epic 29-19 victory on November 26, 1999 – amid euphoric scenes at the half-completed new Millennium Stadium (I know, 'cos like Max Boyce, I woz there!)

That momentous day went some way to healing the wounds from the 96-13 horror show in Pretoria, when a mismatched Welsh touring team was humiliated, to the sound of jeers and derision from the home crowd, just one year previously.

For many of the current Welsh squad, memories will still be raw from their last tour to the high veldt when the 2008 Grand Slam side went down 43-17 and 37-21 – so they will not lack extra motivation to finally put the record straight.

Moreover, since then, the gap between Wales and the southern hemisphere giants has been gradually narrowing; and they can also take heart from their acclaimed performance in the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand, when they stunned the Boks in their group match at Wellington, before finally being edged out by a single point, 17-16.

The Welsh camp know, however, that South Africa on their home turf will be a different proposition – even minus several stars of their own – and that some big guns had been recalled expressly to again batter Wales into submission.

For head coach Warren Gatland, it is another opportunity to test his denuded squad's strength in depth and the young tourists' mettle under fire, with the longer-term objective of next year's Rugby World Cup in mind.

While a clear-cut victory, of course, is the preferred scenario, in the circumstances a highly-competitive display and another cliffhanger would set the reshuffled team up

nicely for the second and final test a week later!

On Tuesday, Wales were looking for inspiration from the tourists' uncapped match at Port Elizabeth with Eastern Province Kings.

Skipped by Dan Lydiate, with James Hook at last with the keys to Number 10 and three new starting caps – Steven Shingler, Jordan Williams and Welsh trialist sensation Matthew Morgan – the latest to join the player drain to Bristol, the team did not disappoint, running in five tries in a morale boosting 34-12 victory, with Hook contributing 14 points.

## WRU MEETING

*Meanwhile, back home, it is no exaggeration to say that Welsh rugby itself could be on trial in terms of its ability to resolve differences of opinion by open and sensible debate, rather than continue the unseemly war of words.*

*Hopefully, this will be achieved in Port Talbot on Sunday at the extraordinary general meeting of the Welsh Rugby Union, following calls led by former CEO David Moffett, who has been at the centre of a mystery this week, with reports that he was planning to return home to New Zealand.*

## Commonwealth Games countdown for Vale athletes

**ON July 23, athletes from Commonwealth nations across the world will unite in Glasgow to contest the 256 medal events, across 17 sports at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.**

The Vale Council's sports and play development team are looking to use this event to try to inspire more people to become involved in sport and physical activity, whether as a participant, coach or volunteer.

The Vale Council's 'Make It Happen' programme is seeking to use the Commonwealth Games as a tool to raise awareness of the opportunities available in community clubs and organisations across the Vale, as well as promoting community club opportunities via methods such as club taster sessions, and increased information via websites and social media.

They will also be organising a variety of events in the lead up to the games, such as the Dragon Sport hockey festival, the netball league, and the Vale junior G14 festival, which will provide children with the opportunity to participate in Commonwealth sports such as table tennis and badminton.

During these events, the children will be provided information on how

they can take part in these activities within sports clubs and other community provision within their leisure time.

The Vale Schools Para-Games will also take place, which is an athletic-based sports day targeting disabled children aged five to 19 years from across the Vale schools.

With a target of 200 participants, the sports and play development team will work in partnership with National Governing Bodies of Sport to deliver this event which will encourage and inspire more disabled young people to participate in sport.

On July 26, the team will be hosting their free family sports and play fun day.

Taking place on Kings Square and in Central Park, the event will coincide with the opening weekend of the Commonwealth Games, and will give community members the chance to try out a range of sports and play opportunities using the Commonwealth Games as an inspirational theme.

*To find out further information regarding sports activities in the Vale, contact the sports and play development team on 01446 704793*

## 'Let the English fund a new Welsh region!' GEM READER OFFERS RUGBY SOLUTION!

**T**HE day after Wales play the Springboks in the first test, Welsh rugby will be involved in what I believe is a waste of time and money, with a Moffet-initiated EGM in Port Talbot.

Mr Moffet had his chance and he walked away mid term with job incomplete and a healthy severance packet to boot, I believe.

What have the current Welsh hierarchy done wrong? They have failed to plough money into the regions irresponsibly, upsetting them, but on the other hand they have made a conscious effort to boost the grassroots game and, as Warren Gatland has pointed out, the success of the national team has required the best people working in the best possible environment with the very best facilities to bring out the best of the talent we have at our disposal.

He stressed to achieve this we have needed the financial and operational support of the WRU and we have been able to rely on that with confidence.

Going back to the regions, it is sad that many of our top players are leaving Wales. Rugby league used to be the arch villain, now it's France and the Premiership. There is no easy solution but how many games do these elite players play for their regions anyway?

When you look at the Ospreys and Cardiff in particular, they just haven't played well enough in many games, inconsistent, even naive on times.

One major issue to be discussed at the EGM is the regrouping of all 147 clubs in Divisions 4/5/6 into 13 new Division 3 leagues, based on geographical criteria, the idea being to address the issue of cost and time spent travelling while also creating more local derbies.

Many club treasurers will be rubbing their

hands in delight, though I am sure there will be factions concerned about possible mismatches. I know back in Pembrokeshire there has been a campaign to return to the old local rivalries with players loyal to their home town clubs and playing week in week out with people they grew up with, and strangely enough creating lasting friendships, something alien in the modern game.

Those who wish to play at a higher level can still try and better themselves in the higher leagues.

Under the new structure, Llantwit Major will play in Div 3 East Central A next season against Barry, Cowbridge, Dinas Powys, Llandaff, Llandaff North, Taffs Well, Canton, St Albans, Old Penarthians, and Caerau Ely.

One idea I would like to hear at an EGM is the prospect of the WRU establishing a fifth region, not at Ponty or north Wales but through a buy-out of

London Welsh. Coach Justin Burnell has said he is looking for 12 to 15 new players.

The WRU could play the Welsh National squad in the Premiership and

Europe, week in week out, and the English Rugby Union would provide £4 million to the running of the club – just a thought!

David Griffiths, Llantwit Major.

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